

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF)	
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY AND)	CASE NO.
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)	2016-00274
FOR APPROVAL OF AN OPTIONAL SOLAR)	
SHARE PROGRAM RIDER)	

ORDER

On August 2, 2016, Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (jointly "Companies") filed with the Commission a joint application for approval of separate tariffs to offer their respective customers an optional, voluntary Solar Share Program Standard Rate Rider ("Rider SSP") and for approval to apply Commission-approved group depreciation rates to new solar photovoltaic facilities with a combined capacity of up to approximately 4 megawatts. The new tariffs contain an effective date of September 1, 2016. The Companies also request a deviation from the notice-publication requirement of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8. In support of the deviation request, the Companies maintain that service under the proposed Rider SSP is voluntary and cannot commence without Commission approval, and that the estimated cost to publish notice is \$250,000.

Having reviewed the Companies' application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariffs and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2),

the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed tariffs for five months. In addition, the Commission finds that a procedural schedule should be established to commence a review of the reasonableness of the proposed tariffs. That procedural schedule is attached hereto as an Appendix to this Order and is incorporated herein. Lastly, the Commission finds that the requirement in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b), to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area specifies that the notice be published "once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks" Based on the Companies' estimated cost to comply with that publication requirement, we find good cause to allow them to deviate by publishing only one time, rather than three times. Considering the voluntary nature of the proposed tariff, publishing one time is sufficient to inform their customers and allow for written comments to be filed with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Companies' proposed Rider SSP tariffs are suspended for five months from September 1, 2016, up to and including January 31, 2017.
2. The Companies' request for a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, to publish customer notice three times is denied and a deviation is granted to allow the Companies to publish the customer notice only one time.
3. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
4. a. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed and shall include the name of the witness

responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with an original and six copies in paper medium and an electronic version to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. Any party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:0001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

5. Any party filing testimony shall comply with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and shall file with the Commission an original and six copies in paper medium and an electronic copy. The copies in paper medium should be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed.

6. The Companies shall give notice of any hearing in this matter in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition,

the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, the Companies shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

7. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.

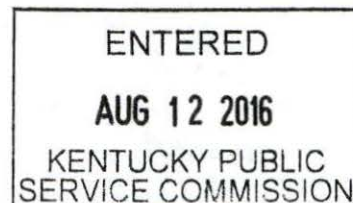
8. At the public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

9. Motions for extension of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

10. Any motion to intervene filed after August 19, 2016 shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

11. Nothing herein shall prevent the Commission from issuing further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2016-00274 DATED **AUG 12 2016**

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than.....	08/19/16
Initial requests for information to the Companies shall be filed no later than.....	08/26/16
The Companies shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than.....	09/06/16
Supplemental requests for information to the Companies shall be filed no later than.....	09/16/16
The Companies shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	09/26/16
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than	10/05/16
Requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than	10/14/16
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than	10/24/16
Any request for evidentiary hearing or any request for waiver of hearing shall be filed no later than	10/31/16

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