### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL RATE INCREASE

CASE NO. 2016-00367

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## ORDER

On December 15, 2016, Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Nolin") submitted an application for an adjustment of electric rates based on a historical test period. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on January 15, 2017.

By letter dated December 22, 2016, the Commission notified Nolin that its rate application was rejected as deficient. In response to the Commission's rejection letter, Nolin filed amendments to its application on January 4, 2017, that cured the deficiencies. The amended application was deemed filed as of January 4, 2017. In the amended application, Nolin proposed that the new rates become effective on February 3, 2017.

Based on a review of Nolin's amended rate application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be concluded by February 3, 2017. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months up to and including July 2, 2017. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Nolin's rates are suspended for five months from February 3, 2017, up to and including July 2, 2017.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

3. 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 questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and ten copies to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an 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. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this

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proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

4. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an original and ten copies. The original and copies shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed.

5. Any motion to intervene filed after January 17, 2017, 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

6. Nolin shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out 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, Nolin shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

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

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

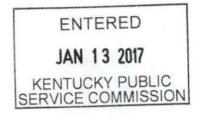
9. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

10. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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By the Commission



ATTEST: Mathews **Executive** Director

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# APPENDIX

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2016-00367 DATED JAN 1 3 2017

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than01/17/2017
All initial requests for information to Nolin shall be filed no later than01/24/2017
Nolin shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than02/07/2017
All supplemental requests for information to Nolin shall be filed no later than02/21/2017
Nolin shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than03/07/2017
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than03/21/2017
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than04/04/2017
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
Nolin shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than05/02/2017
Last day for Nolin to publish notice of hearingto be scheduled
Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Nolin and Intervenorsto be scheduled
Simultaneous Briefs, if anyto be scheduled

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