# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF SHELBY ENERGY	)	CASE NO.
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN INCREASE IN	)	2016-00434
ITS RETAIL RATES	)	

#### ORDER

On February 1, 2017, Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Shelby Energy") 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 March 6, 2017. By letter dated February 3, 2017, the Commission notified Shelby Energy that its rate application was deficient pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001: Sections 16(4)(t)(1), (2), and (3), and was rejected for filing. In response to the Commission's rejection letter, Shelby Energy filed a letter on February 7, 2017, which cured the deficiencies, and the application was deemed filed on that date. Based on a February 7, 2017 filed date, the earliest that Shelby Energy's proposed rates could become effective is March 9, 2017.

Based on a review of Shelby Energy's rate application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such an investigation cannot be completed by March 9, 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 August 8, 2017.

The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Absent informal

resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least four business days prior to the established due date. If this deadline is not met, the filing party should include in the written objection or motion a full and complete explanation for such failure.

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- Shelby Energy's proposed rates are suspended for five months from March 9, 2017, up to and including August 8, 2017.
- 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 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 and an original 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 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 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 February 22, 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. Shelby Energy shall give notice of the hearing 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, Shelby Energy shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.
- 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.
- 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.

By the Commission

**ENTERED** 

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director for

### **APPENDIX**

## APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2016-00434 DATED FEB ‡ 0 2017

All requests for intervention shall be filed no later than
All requests for information to Shelby Energy shall be filed no later than
Shelby Energy shall file responses to requests for information no later than
All supplemental requests for information to Shelby Energy shall be filed no later than
Shelby Energy shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than
Shelby Energy shall file, in verified prepared form, its rebuttal testimony, it any, no later than
Last day for Shelby Energy to publish notice of hearing To 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 Shelby Energy and Intervenors
Simultaneous Briefs, if any

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