COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATIONS OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)
CORPORATION FOR (1) APPROVAL OF)
WHOLESALE TARIFF ADDITIONS FOR BIG RIVERS)
ELECTRIC CORPORATION; (2) APPROVAL OF)
TRANSACTIONS; (3) APPROVAL TO ISSUE)
EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS; AND (4)) CASE NO.
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS;) 2007-00455
AND OF E.ON U.S., LLC, WESTERN KENTUCKY)
ENERGY CORP. AND LG&E ENERGY MARKETING)
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSACTIONS)

ORDER

This matter arises upon the joint motion for full intervention of Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Petitioners"). It appears to the Commission that such interventions are likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

Notice is also hereby given that Justin Clark, the husband of Commissioner Caroline Pitt Clark, is an associate with the law firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC ("Firm"). The Firm is counsel of record for E.ON U.S., LLC, Western Kentucky Energy Corp. and LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc. in this proceeding. Commissioner Clark requested an advisory opinion from the Executive Branch Ethics Commission to determine whether this relationship created a conflict of interest. In Advisory Opinion 07-35, issued on December 14, 2007, the Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission determined that, "the potential for conflict that exists is far removed and is

not substantial." As an added precaution, however, Commissioner Clark is considering the provisions of KRS 11A.030 in cases, such as this, involving the Firm to determine whether her participation is appropriate. Within 10 days from the date of entry of this Order, Petitioners may file any comments or motion relating to Commissioner Clark's participation in this proceeding. Failure to timely file any comments or motion may subsequently be deemed to constitute a waiver of any objection to Commissioner Clark's participation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The joint motion of Petitioners to intervene is granted.
- 2. Each Petitioner shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
- 3. Should any Petitioner file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, said Petitioner shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.
- 4. Any comments or motion of Petitioners regarding Commissioner Clark's participation in this proceeding shall be filed within 10 days from the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

By the Commission

Executive Director

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