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May 16, 2014

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2012-00310
Case No. 2012-00311
Case No. 2012-00312

Attached is a copy of a memorandum which is being filed in the records of the above-referenced cases. If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the memorandum concerning please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Beyer Staff Attorney, at 502/564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen".

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

Attachment

INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO: Case File – Case No. 2012-00310
Case No. 2012-00311
Case No. 2012-00312

FROM: Jonathan Beyer, Staff Attorney

DATE: May 16, 2014

RE: Telephonic Conference of May 14, 2014

Pursuant to the Commission's March 7, 2013 Orders, a telephonic conference call was held on May 14, 2014 in the above referenced cases regarding the service of Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade RECC"). Participating in the call were:

Jonathan Beyer	-	Commission Staff
Jeff Moore	-	Commission Staff
Bob Russell	-	Commission Staff
John Shupp	-	Commission Staff
Tom Brite	-	Counsel for Meade County RECC
Burns Mercer	-	Meade County RECC
David Poe	-	Meade County RECC
David Bell	-	Complainant

Beginning the call, Mr. Bell was asked by Staff to address the current status of his service. Mr. Bell stated that the intermittent light flickering and strobe effects that he has experienced have not completely abated. The express circuit installed by Meade RECC decreased the event duration, but did not wholly curtail their occurrences. He indicated that the problems are worst during the work week and he notices that most issues occur during the morning hours. The problem is limited to lighting fixtures and the intensity varies between lights.

At Staff's request, Mr. Poe followed with an explanation of the data and report Meade RECC filed on April 29, 2014. Specific discussion occurred in regard to pages 2 and 33. Mr. Poe stated that the charts show a targeted nominal voltage of 126 volts. The charts also show and log a 30 second window of the minimum and maximum voltage during the period. Mr. Poe stated that the apparent sags on the charts occurred before 5 pm and are normal occurrences that would occur and appear on any average circuit. Mr. Poe stated in response to Staff queries, that 126 volts is a standard nominal voltage for approximately 90% of the nation-wide electric utilities.

At this point, Mr. Poe was unaware to what the alleged flickering may be attributed. However, Mr. Mercer asserted that Meade RECC has done all of the tests and studies that it knows how to do and at this time it is the complainants' responsibility

to conduct their own studies to ascertain the root cause of the problem. He indicated that Meade RECC does not have any further remedial measures planned. Mr. Brite noted that Meade RECC has not received complaints by any other individuals and has not been informed of any current issues by complainants, Mona Jarboe or Steven Miles. He also stated that Meade RECC believes that it is in compliance with Commission regulations for voltage variance. Mr. Poe opined that if Mr. Bell's service issues were consequent to the quarry operations the problems would be noticed by more customers.

Mr. Bell read a written statement in which he asserted his belief that the electricity service he is currently receiving is inferior and that Meade RECC is inappropriately providing a preference to serving the Hilltop quarry over its residential customers. He expressed his belief that the express circuit was only a band aid to the problem. Mr. Poe countered that all services are treated equally.

The parties next discussed the upcoming August 14, 2014 formal hearing. Mr. Brite inquired into the necessity of appearing before the Commission in person versus via telephone. Staff informed the parties that they are free to submit any motion they wish, including to cancel the hearing and submit the cases on briefs. However, Staff noted that the parties must personally appear at the hearing before the Commission. In response to a question from Mr. Bell, Staff stated that because the complainants bear the burden of proof, their appearance is necessary and that the Commission and Staff counsel would not necessarily advocate on behalf of, or advance, the complainants arguments in their absence. Mr. Bell was advised that he may appear *pro se* and the services of a licensed attorney would not be required.

Finally, Staff requested Meade RECC provide any available voltage surveys or reports at the applicable substation or on the circuit that date back to before the complaints were filed. Mr. Poe agreed to provide such information should it be located. At the request of Mr. Brite and Staff, Mr. Bell also agreed to provide the abovementioned written statement to all parties.

Finding that no party had any further questions, the conference was adjourned.