

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL	)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR	)	CASE NO.
RELIEF FROM CERTAIN DATA COLLECTION	)	2015-00061
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH	)	
ITS PREPAY METERING TARIFF	)	

ORDER

On February 23, 2015, South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“South Kentucky”) submitted a letter to the Commission requesting relief from certain data-collection requirements that were ordered in connection with the Commission’s approval of South Kentucky’s prepay metering program (“Prepay Program”) in Case No. 2013-00198.<sup>1</sup> South Kentucky notes that it seeks the same relief for which other jurisdictional utilities sought and received approval from the Commission. This case has been established to address South Kentucky’s request. The matter now stands submitted to the Commission for a decision.

DISCUSSION

In Case No. 2013-00198, the Commission approved South Kentucky’s proposed Prepay Program and its associated tariff. In its February 23, 2015 Letter, South Kentucky states that its Prepay Program has been very successful, and that as of February 18, 2005, its enrollment in the program was 1,819 members.<sup>2</sup> South

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2013-00198, *Application of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for Approval of a Prepay Metering Program* (Ky. PSC Nov. 15, 2013).

<sup>2</sup> See February 23, 2015 Letter at 1.

Kentucky also notes that its “membership enrollment is already the largest among the State Cooperatives offering this program.”<sup>3</sup>

In Case No. 2013-00198, South Kentucky was required to file annually with its Annual Report seven specific items of information regarding its Prepay Program.<sup>4</sup> South Kentucky states that its computer software does not allow for electronic collection of the data requested and that it must manually collect and organize the data.<sup>5</sup>

### FINDINGS

Having reviewed the evidence and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that South Kentucky has established good cause to permit it to be relieved of the filing requirements set forth in Case No. 2013-00198. The Commission has previously granted similar relief regarding data-collection requirements to other jurisdictional utilities.<sup>6</sup> The Commission finds that South Kentucky should maintain and file only the information suggested in its letter related to the Prepay Program in the near term. Accordingly, for calendar years 2014, 2015, and 2016, South Kentucky should file the following information annually with its Annual Report:

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<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Case No. 2013-00198, *South Kentucky* (Ky. PSC Nov. 15, 2013), Appendix to the Order.

<sup>5</sup> See February 23, 2015 Letter at 1.

<sup>6</sup> Similar relief from certain reporting requirements has been granted in the following Case Nos. to the utilities noted: Case No. 2013-00037, *Filing of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for Approval to Eliminate Its Pilot Prepay Program and for Approval of a Permanent Prepay Program Regulatory Tariff* (Ky. PSC Apr. 19, 2013); Case No. 2013-00219, *Application of Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation for an Adjustment of Rates* (Ky. PSC Feb. 27, 2014); Case No. 2014-00045, *Request of Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation for Relief of the Filing Requirements for the Prepay Meter Program* (Ky. PSC Mar. 6, 2014); and Case No. 2014-0311, *Request of Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative for Relief of the Filing Requirements for the Prepay Meter Program* (Ky. PSC Sept. 11, 2014).

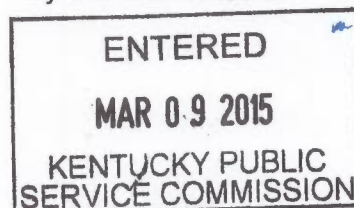
1. The number of new and total participants;
2. The number of participants who left the Prepay Program and the reasons they left; and
3. The number of participants who allowed their accounts to deplete to zero and were disconnected.

Thereafter, South Kentucky should maintain records in such a way so as to be able to provide the above information upon request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. South Kentucky's request to be relieved of the filing requirements set forth in Case No. 2013-00198 is granted.
2. South Kentucky shall track data and maintain records as it requested and as described above, and shall submit the information to the Commission in a supplemental report filed at the time it files its Annual Reports for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Thereafter, South Kentucky shall maintain its records so as to be able to provide the same information upon request.
3. Any documents filed in the future pursuant to ordering paragraph 2 shall reference this case number and shall be retained in the utility's general correspondence file.

By the Commission



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