

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LICKING VALLEY)	
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL RATE)	2016-00174
INCREASE)	

ORDER

On August 8, 2016, Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“Licking Valley”) submitted an application for an adjustment of electric rates based on a historical test year. The application proposed that the new rates become effective September 8, 2016.¹ By letter dated August 11, 2016, the Commission notified Licking Valley that its rate application was rejected because it contained certain filing deficiencies. On August 25, 2016, Licking Valley submitted information that partially cured the filing deficiencies. By letter dated August 30, 2016, the Commission notified Licking Valley that its application remained deficient. On August 31, 2016, Licking Valley submitted additional information to correct the outstanding filing deficiencies.

Having reviewed the documents filed by Licking Valley on August 25 and 31, 2016, the Commission finds that Licking Valley has cured all of the filing deficiencies and that its application is deemed filed as of August 31, 2016. Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), no changes can be made by a utility in any rate except upon 30 days’ notice to the Commission. Since KRS 278.180(1) requires Licking Valley to provide the

¹ Application, Exhibit B.

Commission with 30 days' notice of any change in rates, the earliest its proposed rates can become effective is September 30, 2016.

Based upon a review of the application, the Commission further finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that this investigation cannot be concluded by September 30, 2016. 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 February 27, 2017.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Licking Valley's proposed rates are suspended for five months from September 30, 2016, the earliest date that the proposed rates can become effective, up to and including February 27, 2017.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order 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 the questions related to the information provided, with an original and six copies in paper medium and an electronic version to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or 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, the 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. Any 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 testimony shall file in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and shall file with the Commission an original and six copies in paper medium and an electronic version. The copies in paper medium should be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed.

5. Any motion to intervene filed after September 19, 2016, 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. Licking Valley 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, Licking Valley 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.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2016-00174 DATED **SEP 15 2016**

- Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than..... 09/19/2016
- Initial requests for information to Licking Valley
shall be filled no later than 09/29/2016
- Licking Valley shall file responses to initial requests
for information no later than 10/13/2016
- Supplemental requests for information to
Licking Valley shall be filed no later than 10/27/2016
- Licking Valley shall file responses to supplemental
requests for information no later than 11/10/2016
- Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form,
shall be filed no later than 11/23/2016
- All requests for information to Intervenors shall be
filed no later than 12/08/2016
- Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 12/22/2016
- Licking Valley shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal
testimony no later than..... 01/06/2017
- Last day for Licking Valley 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 Licking Valley and Intervenorsto be scheduled
- Simultaneous Briefs, if anyto be scheduled

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