

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF TAYLOR)	
COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT A PREPAY)	2020-00036
METERING PROGRAM)	

ORDER

On January 30, 2020, Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (Taylor RECC) filed new tariff sheets to implement a Prepay Metering Program. Taylor RECC proposed an effective date of March 1, 2020.

Having reviewed the proposed tariff revisions and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that further proceedings will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of Taylor RECC's proposed tariff revisions to implement a Prepay Metering Program and such an investigation cannot be completed by March 1, 2020. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the proposed effective date should be suspended for five months, up to and including, July 31, 2020.

As 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, permits the Commission to direct the use of electronic filing procedures for proceedings which we initiate on our own motion, we find that electronic filing procedures should be used. As such, Taylor RECC shall follow the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, when filing any document or paper in this matter.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the reasonableness of the proposed Prepay Metering Program. The procedural schedule is attached hereto as an Appendix to this Order and is incorporated herein. In accordance with that schedule, Taylor RECC is to file prepared direct testimony in support of the reasonableness of its Prepay Metering Program.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of Taylor RECC's proposed tariff revisions.
2. Taylor County's proposed tariff revisions are suspended for five months from March 1, 2020, up to and including July 31, 2020.
3. Taylor RECC shall, by counsel, enter an appearance in this proceeding within seven days of the date of this Order. The entry of appearance shall include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and electronic mail address of counsel.
4. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to service and electronic filing of papers shall be followed in this proceeding.
5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(9), within seven days of this Order, Taylor RECC shall file a written statement that it waives any right to service of Commission orders by United States mail and that it or its authorized agent possesses the facilities to receive electronic submissions.
6. Unless a party granted leave to intervene states its objection to the use of electronic filing procedures in a motion for intervention, the party shall:

a. Be deemed to have consented to the use of electronic filing procedures and the service of all papers, including Orders of the Commission, by electronic means; and

b. Within seven days of the date of an Order of the Commission granting its intervention, file with the Commission a written statement that:

(1) It, or its authorized agent possesses the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and

(2) Sets forth the electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding should be served.

7. If a party objects to the use of electronic filing procedures and the Commission determines that good cause exists to excuse that party from the use of electronic filing procedures, service of documents on that party and by that party shall be made in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(8).

8. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

9. By the date set forth in the Appendix to this Order, Taylor RECC shall file prepared direct testimony in support of the reasonableness of the Prepay Metering Program.

10. 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 the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record, and the 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. A 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. 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 the personal information cannot be read.

11. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or

develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding the potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

12. Taylor RECC shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of the 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, Taylor RECC shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

13. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

14. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

15. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions of continuance. Accordingly, 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.

16. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

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Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00036 DATED **FEB 21 2020**

Taylor RECC shall file its prepared direct testimony.....03/10/2020

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than03/17/2020

Initial requests for information to Taylor RECC
shall be filed no later than.....03/24/2020

Taylor RECC shall file responses to
initial requests for information no later than.....04/03/2020

Supplemental requests for information to
Taylor RECC shall be filed no later than.....04/13/2020

Taylor RECC shall file responses to
supplemental requests for information no later than.....04/20/2020

Intervenor Testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than.....04/27/2020

All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than.....05/04/2020

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than.....05/11/2020

Taylor RECC shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal
testimony no later than.....05/18/2020

Taylor RECC or any Intervenor shall request either a
hearing or that the case be submitted for decision
based on the record no later than.....05/25/2020

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