

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF CUMBERLAND)	
VALLEY ELECTRIC, INC. FOR A GENERAL)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES PURSUANT TO)	2020-00264
STREAMLINED PROCEDURE PILOT PROGRAM)	
ESTABLISHED IN CASE NO. 2018-00407)	

ORDER

On September 23, 2020, Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. (Cumberland Electric), pursuant to the amended “streamlined procedure” established in Case No. 2018-00407,¹ filed an application seeking a general adjustment in its rates. By Order dated October 14, 2020, the Commission accepted Cumberland Electric’s application pursuant to the “streamlined procedure” established in Case No. 2018-00407. Pursuant to this procedure, the Commission is to issue a final Order on the proposed rates within 75 days of the date that the application is filed; the deadline for this proceeding is December 4, 2020.²

In that instant case, the Commission is unable to complete its review within the 75 days established by the streamlined procedure. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the 75-day deadline should be extended until January 4, 2021.

Additionally, Cumberland Electric, on November 20, 2020, filed a motion requesting a deviation from a portion of the 2018-00407 Order that requires rate case

¹ Case No. 2018-00407, *A Review of the Rate Case Procedure for Electric Distribution Cooperatives* (Ky. PSC Dec. 20, 2019) (2018-00407 Order.).

² *Id.* at 2.

expenses invoices to be submitted by the date the case is submitted for a decision. In the instant proceeding, the case was submitted for a decision on November 17, 2020. Cumberland Electric states that due to COVID-19 and working remotely, October invoices, which Cumberland Electric attached to its motion, were sent to Cumberland Electric later than normal and paid later than normal. Cumberland Electric requests that the Commission allow the October invoices to be filed into the record and recovered as rate case expenses.

The Commission acknowledges that the pandemic related to COVID-19 can disrupt the normal conduct of a rate case, both before the Commission and between a utility and its counsel. The Commission, therefore, finds Cumberland Electric's request for a deviation from the 2018-00407 Order to be reasonable and that it should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The deadline for the Commission to issue a final Order on Cumberland Electric's application is extended up to and including January 4, 2021.
2. Cumberland Electric's motion for a deviation from the 2018-00407 Order is granted and the October invoices are accepted for filing.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



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