

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF SALT RIVER)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP. TO)	CASE NO.
IMPLEMENT AN ADVANCED METERING)	2022-00357
SYSTEM (AMS) OPT-OUT TARIFF FOR)	
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS)	

ORDER

On October 3, 2022, Salt River Electric Cooperative Corp. (Salt River Electric) filed a proposed tariff, through the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System, to implement an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Opt-Out Tariff for residential customers. Under the proposed tariff, residential customers could request that Salt River Electric replace their communicating meter with a non-communicating meter. If a residential customer is accepted into the Opt-Out Tariff, the customer would be assessed an initial set-up fee of \$30 and a recurring monthly fee of \$30 to cover the cost to Salt River Electric to read the meter. Salt River Electric proposed an effective date of November 3, 2022.

KRS 278.030 provides that that the service a utility provides must be adequate, efficient, and reasonable. Having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such investigation cannot be completed by November 3, 2022. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will, therefore, suspend the effective date of the proposed tariff for five months, up to and including April 2, 2023.

The Commission directs Salt River Electric to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ in which the Commission mandated the use of electronic filing procedures listed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. The Commission finds that electronic filing procedures shall be used, consistent with the filing procedures set forth in Case No. 2020-00085. The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule is established to review the reasonableness of the proposed tariff. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order and is incorporated herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed tariff.
2. Salt River Electric's proposed tariff is suspended for five months from November 3, 2022, up to and including April 2, 2023.
3. Salt River Electric shall, by counsel, enter an appearance in this proceeding within seven days of the date of service 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.

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(9), within seven days of service of this Order, Salt River Electric shall file by electronic means a written statement that it waives any right to service of Commission Orders by United States mail and that it or its authorized agent possess 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 service of an Order of the Commission, granting 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 shall 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. 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. 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 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.

10. Salt River Electric 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 statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov"; and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Salt River Electric shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

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

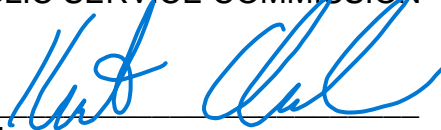
12. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

13. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of times with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

Vice Chairman



Commissioner



ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00357 DATED NOV 01 2022

- Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than 11/10/2022
- Initial requests for information to Salt River Electric shall be filed no later than 11/17/2022
- Salt River Electric shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than..... 12/01/2022
- All supplemental requests for information to Salt River Electric shall be filed no later than 12/15/2022
- Salt River Electric shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than 12/29/2022
- Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than..... 01/05/2023
- All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than..... 01/19/2023
- Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than..... 02/02/2023
- Salt River Electric shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than.....02/09/2023
- Salt River Electric or any Intervenor shall request either a hearing or that the case be submitted for decision based on the record no later than.....02/16/2023

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