

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF FARMERS)	
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION FOR GENERAL ADJUSTMENT)	2025-00107
OF RATES		

ORDER

On May 13, 2025, Wesley Collins filed a motion requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a basis for its motion, Mr. Collins stated that he had worked with utilities as an engineer and has knowledge of the law. In his request, he alleged violations of Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:041 as well as possible Rural Utility Service (RUS) violations.¹ On May 14, 2025, Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (Farmers RECC) filed a response objecting to Mr. Collins' request.²

LEGAL STANDARD

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention (Attorney General), has the statutory right to intervene in Commission cases pursuant to KRS 367.150(8)(b). The Attorney General has been granted intervention in this matter.³ With limited exception, intervention by all others is permissive and within the sole discretion of the Commission.⁴

¹ Motion to Intervene (filed May 13, 2025) at 1-3.

² Farmers RECC Response to Intervention (filed May 14, 2025).

³ Order (Ky. PSC May 5, 2025).

⁴ KRS 164.2807.

The regulatory standard for permissive intervention, set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4, is twofold. Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), requires a person to set forth in the motion to intervene either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not otherwise adequately represented in the case, or (2) that 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.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Based on a review of the pleadings at issue and being otherwise sufficient advised, the Commission finds that Mr. Collins has failed to demonstrate that he has a special interest in the proceeding over which the Commission has jurisdiction that is not otherwise adequately represented or that he is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings for the reasons discussed below.

The Attorney General has been granted intervention in this matter, and the Commission has long recognized⁵ that he is the proper party to represent the ratepayers.

⁵ Case No. 2020-00349, *Electronic Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of Its Electric Rates, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Deploy Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Approval of Certain Regulatory and Accounting Treatments, and Establishment of a One Year Surcredit* (Ky. PSC Jan. 12, 2021), Order (denying three customers' requests for intervention); Case No. 2009-00198, *Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Approval of Its 2009 Compliance Plan for Recovery by Environmental Surcharge* (Ky. PSC Aug. 28, 2009), Order (denying intervention to customer Tammy Stewart on ground she lacked a special interest meriting intervention, as well as expertise that would assist the Commission); Case No. 2009-00174 *Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Approving the Establishment of a Regulatory Asset* (Ky. PSC June 26, 2009), Order (denying Rep. Jim Stewart's Motion to Intervene because he had neither a special interest in the proceeding nor was he likely to assist the Commission to render a decision); Case No. 2007-00337, *Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Association of Community Ministries, Inc., People Organized and Working for Energy Reform, and Kentucky Association for Community Action, Inc. for the Establishment of a Home Energy Assistance Program* (Ky. PSC Sept. 14, 2007), Order ("[H]old[ing] a particular position on issues pending in ... [a] case does not create the requisite 'special interest' to justify full intervention under 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(8)(b)."). Case No. 2012-00221, *Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of Its Electric Rate* (Ky. PSC Aug. 9, 2012), Order (denying customer Bruce Nunn's request for intervention); Case No. 2012-00221, *Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of Its Electric Rates* (Ky. PSC


Mr. Collins did not specifically allege that he was a ratepayer of Farmers RECC nor did he specify a special interest that no other party to the case could adequately advocate. The Commission notes that Mr. Collins did make broad allegations about administrative regulation violations but the case at hand is an application for a general rate adjustment, not an investigation. Mr. Collins did not state that he could present information or develop the record while not unduly complicating the proceedings.

Mr. Collins will have an opportunity to participate in this proceeding even though he is not granted intervenor status. Mr. Collins can review all public documents filed in this case and monitor the proceedings via the Commission's website [View Case Filings for: 2025-00107](#). In addition, Mr. Collins may file public comments as frequently as he chooses, and those comments will be entered into the record of this case. Moreover, Mr. Collins will have an opportunity to orally provide public comments, prior to the hearing in this matter, if a hearing is held.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mr. Collins' motion to intervene is denied.

Aug. 9, 2012) (denying customer Michael Whipple's request for intervention); Case No. 2009-00548, *Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of Base Rates* (Ky. PSC June 2, 2010), Order (denying customer Geoffrey M. Young's request for intervention); Case No. 2003-00433, *An Adjustment of the Electric Rates, Terms, and Conditions of Louisville Gas and Electric Company* (Ky. PSC Jan. 21, 2004), Order (denying customer Robert L. Madison's request for intervention).

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