

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LICKING)	
VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	
CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
OF RATES PURSUANT TO STREAMLINED)	2020-00338
PROCEDURE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED)	
IN CASE NO. 2018-00407)	

ORDER

On March 5, 2024, Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (Licking Valley RECC) filed a motion requesting an extension of time until August 8, 2024, to file an application for a general rate adjustment. In an Order entered April 8, 2021, in this proceeding, the Commission required, among other things, that Licking Valley RECC file a general rate adjustment case within one year.¹ However, Licking Valley RECC filed a motion for rehearing,² and in response to that motion, the Commission amended that requirement to allow for an application for a rate adjustment to be filed within three years of the service date of that Order, May 10, 2024.³

As a basis for its motion requesting an extension, Licking Valley RECC stated that its financial review indicated that it should use the 2023 financial data for the test year to determine its cost-of-service study and rate design, and the numbers will not be finalized

¹ Order (Ky. PSC Apr. 8, 2021) at 19, ordering paragraph 2.

² Licking Valley RECC's Motion for Rehearing (filed on Apr. 21, 2021).

³ Order (Ky. PSC May 10, 2021) at 7, ordering paragraph 2.

until the end of March 2024.⁴ In addition, in order for customer notice to be published in *Kentucky Living* for a May application, Licking Valley RECC stated it would need to have final proposed rates determined in March.⁵ According to the motion, Licking Valley RECC is unable to calculate the final proposed rate increase by the end of March due to the lack of finalized financial information and cost of service study preparation.⁶ Licking Valley RECC stated, that once the financial information for 2023 is finalized, it will take approximately two months to complete the cost of service study.⁷ In the motion, Licking Valley RECC requested a 90 day extension of this deadline, making August 8, 2024, the proposed deadline.⁸

Based upon a review of the motion, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Licking Valley RECC established good cause to extend the period to file a general rate adjustment from May 10, 2024, to August 8, 2024, due to the timing of the preparation and finalization of the financial information for the test year and publication of the notice to ratepayers. Permitting the extension of the filing deadline for the general rate adjustment case until August 8, 2024, would be consistent with the Commission's rationale for requiring that a rate case provide the Commission with the most accurate portrayal of Licking Valley RECC's financial records and condition.

⁴ Licking Valley RECC's Motion for an Extension of Time (filed Mar. 5, 2024) at 1.

⁵ Licking Valley RECC's Motion for an Extension of Time at 2.

⁶ Licking Valley RECC's Motion for an Extension of Time at 2.

⁷ Licking Valley RECC's Motion for an Extension of Time at 2.

⁸ Licking Valley RECC's Motion for an Extension of Time at 1.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Licking Valley RECC's motion for an extension of time to file a general rate adjustment case is granted.

2. Licking Valley RECC shall file for a general adjustment in rates no later than August 8, 2024.

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