

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF INTER-COUNTY)	
ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	CASE NO.
NECESSITY AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION)	2022-00350
OF A NEW ADVANCED METERING)	
INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) SYSTEM)	

ORDER

On January 19, 2024, Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation (Inter-County Energy), filed a motion for leave to deviate from meter testing requirements pursuant to 807 KAR 5:041, Section 22, which allows deviation from Commission regulations for good cause. Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:041, Section 15(3), requires periodic testing of meters based on a schedule provided in this section unless the utility applies for sample (statistical) testing under Section 16.

By Order dated February 17, 2023, the Commission granted Inter-County Energy's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to replace its existing automatic meter reading (AMR) system with an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system. In the present motion, Inter-County Energy sought to suspend periodic and statistical meter testing during implementation of the AMI system. Inter-County Energy stated that it planned to resume testing in January 2027. Inter-County Energy argued that the deviation would facilitate prompt installation of the system and that testing would not be necessary since all meters will be replaced by 2026. Inter-County Energy

also noted Commission precedent allowing such a meter testing deviation during a complete replacement of a metering system.¹

Having considered the motion and being advised, the Commission finds that Inter-County Energy's motion should be granted, subject to the requirement in 807 KAR 5:041, Section 15(3), requiring meters be tested upon removal so that customers are assured that their prior usage has been accurate.² Because all AMR meters will be removed and tested by 2026, testing the AMR meters periodically or statistically would be unnecessarily duplicative.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Inter-County Energy's motion for deviation from periodic meter testing required by 807 KAR 5:041, Section 15(3), or alternatively, sample (statistical) meter testing under 807 KAR 5:041, Section 16, is granted.

2. Inter-County Energy, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:041, Section 15(3), shall continue to test all meters removed from service.

3. Inter-County Energy shall resume periodic meter testing as required by 807 KAR 5:041, Section 15(3), or alternatively, sample (statistical) meter testing under Section 16, on or before February 1, 2027.

4. This matter is closed and shall be removed from the Commission's docket.

¹ Case No. 2020-00336, *Electronic Application of Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Cooperation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Continue with the Full Deployment Installation of its Automated Metering and Infrastructure System* (Ky. PSC Apr. 19, 2021), Order at 7.

² See Case No. 2020-00336, Apr. 19, 2021 Order at 7.

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