

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF INTER-)	
COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT AN ADVANCED)	2025-00112
METERING SYSTEM OPT-OUT TARIFF FOR)	
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS)	

ORDER

On April 1, 2025, Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation (Inter-County Energy) filed a tariff, through the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, to implement an Advanced Metering System Opt-Out Tariff (Rider AML) for residential customers. Inter-County Energy received approval from the Commission to install an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System in Case No. 2022-00350.¹ Inter-County Energy did not propose an Opt-Out Tariff as part of Case No. 2022-00350. Under the proposed tariff, residential customers could request that Inter-County Energy replace their communicating meter with a non-communicating meter. If a residential customer is accepted into Rider AML, the customer would be assessed an initial set-up fee of \$45 and a recurring monthly fee of \$40 to cover the cost to Inter-County Energy to read the meter. Inter-County Energy proposed an effective date of May 1, 2025.

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. Having reviewed

¹ Case No. 2022-00350, *Electronic Application of Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Installation of a New Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System* (Ky. PSC Feb. 17, 2023).

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 May 1, 2025. 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 September 30, 2025.

The Commission directs Inter-County Energy to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085² in which the Commission mandated the use of electronic filing procedures listed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Consistent with the filing procedures set forth in Case No. 2020-00085, the Commission finds that electronic filing procedures should be used.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the reasonableness of the proposed tariff. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

Additionally, any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower

² 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).

Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed tariff.

2. Inter-County Energy's proposed tariff is suspended for five months from May 1, 2025, up to and including September 30, 2025.

3. Inter-County Energy 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.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(9), within seven days of the date of service of this Order, Inter-County Energy 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. Inter-County Energy shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Inter-County Energy 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, Inter-County Energy shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

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

14. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

15. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

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

17. 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.

18. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

May Pat Regan

ATTEST:

Linda Bridwell RP

Executive Director



APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00112 DATED APR 24 2025

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than 05/08/2025

Initial requests for information to Inter-County Energy
shall be filed no later than 05/19/2025

Inter-County Energy shall file responses to
initial requests for information no later than..... 06/02/2025

All supplemental requests for information to Inter-County Energy
shall be filed no later than 06/16/2025

Inter-County Energy shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 06/30/2025

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than.... 07/07/2025

All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than 07/21/2025

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than..... 08/04/2025

Inter-County Energy shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal
testimony no later than 08/11/2025

Inter-County Energy or any Intervenor shall request either a
hearing or that the case be submitted for decision
based on the record no later than 08/18/2025

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