

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A REVIEW PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:058 OF THE)
1993 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN OF BIG) CASE NO. 93-341
RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION)

O R D E R

On February 24, 1994, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") filed a motion requesting the Commission either cancel or postpone the informal staff conference scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 1994 to review the 1993 Integrated Resource Plan. In support of its motion, Big Rivers states that the parties will principally focus on its decision to scrub the Henderson Municipal Power and Light Station Two. Big Rivers suggests there is no need to hold the informal staff conference as scheduled since the issue of scrubbing Station Two would come before the Commission for full hearing in either Case No. 93-065 or 94-032.

Big Rivers further suggests that postponing the conference is warranted due to the delay in the issuance of the Commission Staff's Report From the Statewide Perspective on the 1993 Integrated Resource Plans of the Major Jurisdictional Electric Utilities in Kentucky ("Statewide Report"). Big Rivers contends that the Statewide Report, which was issued February 22, 1994, is critical to its preparation for the conference when it must defend its positions.

Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers ("KIUC") filed an answer in opposition to Big Rivers' motion alleging inconvenience since company personnel and expert consultants have made travel plans to attend the conference. Changing the conference at this late date would result in unreasonable cost and undue inconvenience to KIUC. KIUC contends that the conference will focus on Big Rivers' Integrated Resource Plan, not the plans of the other utilities which are covered in the Statewide Report; therefore, the delay in the issuance of the Statewide Report should not hinder Big Rivers' preparation for the conference. KIUC further contends that the Henderson scrubber project is exactly the type of issue that should be discussed in an Integrated Resource Plan proceeding and that this review should not be further delayed.

After consideration of the foregoing, the record in this proceeding, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that good cause does not exist to grant Big Rivers' motion. The informal staff conference is for the purpose of examining and formulating opinions and recommendations relating to Big Rivers' 1993 Integrated Resource Plan. It is not a proceeding before the Commission and the plans of other electric utilities as summarized in the Statewide Report are not the primary focus of the conference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Big Rivers' motion be and it hereby is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of February, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Robert M. Davis
For the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director