

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE)
FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF BIG RIVERS) CASE NO. 96-521
ELECTRIC CORPORATION FROM NOVEMBER)
1, 1994 TO OCTOBER 31, 1996)

O R D E R

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") has moved to hold this matter in abeyance. In support of its motion, Big Rivers states its intention to file with the Commission an application for rate adjustment which will include a proposal for resolution of all fuel adjustment clause issues. Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers supports Big Rivers' motion.

Having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the motion should be denied. These proceedings, which involve the review of fuel costs incurred in a period which extends over two years and which ended more than 8 months ago, should not be delayed merely because of a proposed rate filing. Having been delayed once, the hearing in this matter should be conducted and the Commission's review completed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Big Rivers' Motion to Hold Proceedings in Abeyance is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of June, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Wade K. Breunlich
For the Commission

ATTEST:

Don Mills

Executive Director