COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS)ELECTRIC CORPORATION,)LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)COMPANY, WESTERN KENTUCKY)ENERGY CORP., WESTERN) CASE NO. 97-204KENTUCKY LEASING CORP.,)AND LG&E STATION TWO INC. FOR)APPROVAL OF WHOLESALE RATE)ADJUSTMENT FOR BIG RIVERS)ELECTRIC CORPORATION AND FOR)APPROVAL OF TRANSACTION)

<u>O R D E R</u>

The Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. An informal conference is scheduled for July 16, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Conference Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

2. The procedural schedule listed in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

3. The Applicants shall publish notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(5).

4. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately indexed. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 10 copies to the Commission.

5. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

6. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of July, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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For/the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 97-204 DATED July 11, 1997.

All requests for information to the Applicants shall be filed no later than	08/12/97
The Applicants shall file responses to the requests for information no later than	08/26/97
All supplemental requests for information (to include only those matters within the scope of the initial requests) to the Applicants shall be filed no later than	09/09/97
The Applicants shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	09/17/97
Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed in verified prepared form no later than	10/07/97
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than	10/21/97
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than	11/04/97
Last day for the Applicants to publish notice of hearing date	11/10/97
Rebuttal testimony, if any, shall be filed no later than	11/11/97
Public Hearing is to begin at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of the Applicants and witnesses of the Intervenors	11/18/97

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CASE NO. 97-204

<u>O R D E R</u>

On July 10, 1997, Green River Electric Cooperative ("Green River"), Henderson Union Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Henderson Union") and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County"), three of the four owners and member customers of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), filed a joint motion for full intervention.

Based on the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Green River, Henderson Union, and Meade County have a special interest which is not otherwise adequately represented, and that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. The Commission further finds that while Big Rivers' application states that the three movants fully support the transaction proposed in this case including the revenue allocation among customer classes, the fourth owner and member customer of Big Rivers, Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Jackson Purchase"), supports the transactions but not the revenue allocation. Consequently, Jackson Purchase should be granted full intervention and should file testimony on its objections to the revenue allocation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

The joint motion of Green River, Henderson Union and Meade County for 1. full intervention is granted.

2 Jackson Purchase is granted full intervention.

3. Jackson Purchase shall file verified prepared testimony in accord with the established procedural schedule setting forth its objections to the revenue allocation among customer classes.

Green River, Henderson Union, Meade County, and Jackson Purchase 4. shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.

5. Should Green River, Henderson Union, Meade County, or Jackson Purchase file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, each shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of July, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

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