

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE |) | |
| COMMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL |) | |
| SURCHARGE MECHANISM OF BIG RIVERS |) | CASE NO. 97-276 |
| ELECTRIC CORPORATION AS BILLED FROM |) | |
| OCTOBER 1, 1996 TO MARCH 31, 1997 |) | |

O R D E R

Pursuant to KRS 278.183(3), the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. This docket is opened to review the operations of the environmental surcharge of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") as billed for the period from October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997.

2. All reports and supporting data that Big Rivers submitted to the Commission for the review period in accordance with KRS 278.183(3) and the Commission's Order of August 31, 1994 in Case No. 94-032¹ are incorporated by reference into the record of this proceeding.

3. The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers are hereby made parties to this proceeding.²

¹ Case No. 94-032, Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation to Assess a Surcharge Under KRS 278.183 to Recover Costs of Compliance with Environmental Requirements of the Clean Air Act (August 31, 1994).

² These parties were parties to the proceeding in which Big Rivers' environmental surcharge was approved and to the first review of the operation of that surcharge.

4. As common questions of law and fact are present in this case and Case No. 96-327,³ this case is consolidated with Case No. 96-327.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

³ Case No. 96-327, An Examination by the Public Service Commission of the Environmental Surcharge Mechanism of Big Rivers Electric Corporation as Billed from October 1, 1995, to March 31, 1996.