

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)	
CORPORATION TO REVISE THE LARGE)	CASE NO. 99-360
INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER RATE SCHEDULE)	

O R D E R

An informal conference in this matter was held at the Commission's offices on November 23, 1999. At the conference, Big Rivers Electric Corporation (Big Rivers) requested that the Commission develop a list of issues for the upcoming hearing to be held on January 10, 2000, in order to enable it to better prepare for said hearing. Attached as an Appendix to this Order is a list of the issues for the hearing.

Having further considered Big Rivers' request, the Commission has determined that it and its Staff will be able to better prepare for the upcoming hearing if Big Rivers prepares a list of the individuals it expects to have present at the hearing to address the issues identified herein. The list should match the individuals to the issue(s) on which they will be responsible for answering questions at the hearing. With a hearing date of January 10, 2000, we find that Big Rivers should submit this list by January 4, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The issues identified in the attached Appendix are the issues that the Commission expects will be raised at the hearing scheduled for January 10, 2000.
2. Big Rivers shall file a list of the individuals, as described herein, that will address the issues identified herein at the hearing on January 10, 2000, by January 4, 2000.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 99-360 DATED DECEMBER 22, 1999

Following is a list of issues Big Rivers should plan to address at the hearing in this proceeding to be held on January 10, 2000.

1. The specific reasons for the proposed tariffs, including but not limited to: (1) the reasons for the changes in Big Rivers forecast for industrial load growth since 1997; (2) the nature of the new customers that are considering locating in the service territories of Big Rivers member cooperatives or that have expressed an interest in being served by Big Rivers; and (3) the time-table Big Rivers believes it should attempt to meet in order to be able to serve these loads.
2. The reasons Big Rivers believes it is more prudent, at this time, to serve new industrial loads at market-based rates, as described in proposed Rate Schedule 10, as opposed to issuing a Request for Proposal for a long-term firm power supply that would be part of Big Rivers total power supply portfolio and become another component of the system-average rates charged to Big Rivers member cooperatives.
3. The reasons for Big Rivers proposal, that incremental load growth of five megawatts (MW) or more by existing customers, should be subject to the market-based rates described in proposed Rate Schedule 10, rather than being served under the existing Rate Schedule 7; also, the reasons for why and how five MW was selected as the threshold for the minimum increment of load that would be subject to the proposed tariff.
4. The manner in which the Commission can be assured that Big Rivers, possibly with assistance from Reliant Energy Services, Inc., its current power marketing agent, or some other firm with whom Big Rivers may contract for power marketing services, will be solely responsible for making the power supply arrangements required to serve the loads that would be subject to Rate Schedule 10; that the Commission can be assured that neither Big Rivers member cooperatives nor the industrial customers subject to Rate Schedule 10 will, in any way, be involved in the process of arranging for the power supplies that will ultimately serve the power supply requirements of those customers.