

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION TO)	CASE NO.
ADJUST ELECTRIC RATES)	2002-00391

O R D E R

On December 16, 2002, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (Meade County) submitted an application to the Commission requesting authority to adjust its rates. To address a filing deficiency in the application, Meade County submitted additional information on December 20, 2002.

Based on a review of the information supplied by Meade County, the Commission finds that the deficiencies noted in our January 3, 2003 letter have been cured, and that Meade County's application should be considered filed as of December 20, 2002.

Meade County originally proposed that its rates become effective on January 12, 2003. In the additional information filed on December 20, 2002, Meade County revised the effective date for its proposed rates to January 23, 2003. Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), having given the Commission a 30-day notice, the earliest date on which Meade County's proposed rates could become effective is January 23, 2003. Based on a review of Meade County's rate application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that investigation cannot be concluded by January 23, 2003.

On November 22, 2002, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention (Attorney General), filed a motion for full intervention, pursuant to KRS 367.150(8), such intervention being authorized by statute. The Commission, being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that the Attorney General should be granted full intervention.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Meade County s application is considered filed as of December 20, 2002.
2. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), Meade County s proposed rates are suspended for 5 months from January 23, 2003 up to and including June 22, 2003.
3. The motion of the Attorney General is granted.
4. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.
5. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately indexed. Any request for information by letter from the Commission Staff shall be responded to as if set forth in a Commission Order. 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 7 copies to the Commission.
6. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies. The original and at least three copies of the testimony shall be filed as follows:
 - a. Together with cover letter listing each person presenting testimony.
 - b. Bound in 3-ring binders or with any other fastener which readily opens and closes to facilitate easy copying.

- c. Each witness s testimony should be tabbed.
- d. Every exhibit to each witness s testimony should be appropriately

marked.

7. Meade County shall give notice of any hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, Meade County shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

8. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

9. Meade County is hereby put on notice that the Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, 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 compelling reasons.

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

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of January, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00391 DATED January 16, 2003

All initial requests for information to Meade County
shall be filed no later than 01/30/03

Meade County shall file responses to initial requests
for information no later than 02/13/03

All supplemental requests for information to
Meade County shall be filed no later than 02/27/03

Meade County shall file responses to supplemental
requests for information no later than 03/13/03

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form
shall be filed no later than 03/27/03

All requests for information to Intervenors shall be
filed no later than 04/10/03

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 04/24/03

Last day for Meade County to publish notice of hearing..... To Be Scheduled

Public Hearing is to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern
Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission s
offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky,
for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of
Meade County and Intervenors To Be Scheduled

Briefs, if any, shall be filed by To Be Scheduled