

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS)
ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO) CASE NO. 2004-00365
CONSTRUCT A 161 KV TRANSMISSION)
LINE IN BRECKINRIDGE AND MEADE)
COUNTIES, KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On November 15, 2004, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") filed an application for Commission approval of the construction of a transmission line in Breckinridge and Meade counties, Kentucky. Pursuant to KRS 278.020(8), "The commission shall issue its decision no later than ninety (90) days after the application is filed, unless the commission extends this period for good cause, to one hundred twenty (120) days."

The Commission finds that such an extension is warranted in this case. Big Rivers' need for the line as proposed will be an issue in this case, and the Commission has therefore employed the services of a consulting firm to issue a report on that subject. The Commission and the parties will need time to study this report and should be allowed the opportunity for discovery and evidentiary hearings, both of which would extend the time the Commission needs to process the application. For this reason, the Commission finds that the time period in which it must issue a decision in this case should be extended to 120 days.

To ensure that all parties have an opportunity to participate fully in this proceeding, the Commission established a procedural schedule, attached hereto as Appendix A, based on this extended time period.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The time period in which the Commission must issue its decision in this case is extended to 120 days, or March 15, 2005.
2. The attached procedural schedule shall apply.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of December, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2004-00365 DATED DECEMBER 1, 2004

Initial data requests on the application are due
no later than December 3, 2004

Responses to initial data requests are due
no later than December 13, 2004
(Responses to this and all other data requests in this case shall
include the name of the person who prepared each response and
who will be available to testify at the hearing on that response.)

Any motion to intervene shall be filed
with the Commission no later than December 15, 2004

Any request for a public hearing
shall be filed no later than December 15, 2004

Commission Staff consultant shall file report on
application no later than December 22, 2004

Intervenors and Commission Staff may file data
requests on the application, and Applicant and
Intervenors may file data requests on consultant's
report no later than December 30, 2004

Responses to December 30, 2004 data requests
are due no later than January 10, 2005

Parties shall file direct testimony, if any, no later than January 18, 2005

Public hearing (time and location to be determined)
for the purpose of hearing local public testimony January 20, 2005

Parties may file data requests on the direct
testimony no later than January 24, 2005

Responses to January 24, 2005 data requests
are due no later than January 28, 2005

Public hearing at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard
Time, at the offices of the Public Service
Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort,
Kentucky January 31, 2005