

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL	)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR	)	CASE NO.
PASS-THROUGH OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC	)	2013-00231
CORPORATION WHOLESale RATE	)	
ADJUSTMENT	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST INFORMATION REQUEST  
TO MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade") is to file with the Commission an original, one paper copy, and one electronic copy of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before December 16, 2013. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Meade shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though

correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Meade fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Meade shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. Provide Exhibits JDG-1, JDG-2, JDG-3, and JDG-4 of the application in Excel spreadsheet format with the formulas intact and unprotected and all rows and columns accessible.

2. Refer to Exhibit 1 of the application, pages 17-24 of 25, and the Testimony of Jack. D. Gaines ("Gaines Testimony") at pages 5-7, wherein Mr. Gaines discusses proposed changes to Meade's Member Rate Stability Mechanism ("MRSM") and Rural Economic Reserve ("RER") tariffs.

a. Given that Meade's current MRSM tariff language defines W\_MRSM as the "...amount credited by the Corporation's wholesale power supplier," and as proposed by Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), the amount credited to Meade by Big Rivers will reflect the credit for the increase requested in Case No. 2013-00199, explain why a change to Meade's MRSM tariff is necessary.

b. Given that Meade's current RER tariff language defines W\_RER as the "...amount credited by the Corporation's wholesale power supplier," and as

proposed by Big Rivers, the amount credited to Meade by Big Rivers will reflect the credit for the increase requested in Case No. 2013-00199,<sup>1</sup> explain why a change to Meade's RER tariff is necessary.

3. Refer to Exhibit JDG-4 of the application, the Consumption Analysis Data and Revenue Proof.

a. Refer to pages 1 and 4. Rate Schedules 1, 2, 5, and 6 are adjusted by a "Correction Factor." Explain the reason for the correction factor and why all customer classes are not adjusted.

b. Refer to page 2. For Schedule 3, line 16 is shown as "Minimums-Impact". Explain what is meant by this and how the amounts in this row were calculated.

4. Refer to page 3 of the Gaines Testimony wherein Mr. Gaines states that the test year for the application is December 2011-November 2012. Explain why a more current test year was not selected.

5. Refer to page 8 of the Gaines Testimony. On lines 1-3, Mr. Gaines states that Big Rivers is proposing to discontinue its Large Industrial Expansion tariff in Case No. 2013-00199. Given Big Rivers' proposal, explain why Meade is not proposing to discontinue its Schedule 13.

6. On November 12, 2013, in Case No. 2013-00199, Big Rivers provided in response to Item 1 of Commission Staff's Third Request for Information, Exhibit Wolfram-5.1, which provided revised proposed rates for Big Rivers. For all Meade

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2013-00199, Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a General Adjustment in Rates Supported by Fully Forecasted Test Year, filed Jun. 28, 2013.

exhibits that would be affected, provide revised versions reflecting Big Rivers' revised proposed rates in both paper copy and Excel spreadsheet format.

7. In Case No. 2013-00199, Big Rivers is requesting a change to its Co-generation/Small Power Production Sales – Over 100 kW tariff. Meade's Schedule 8, Small Power Production and Co-generation 100 kW or Less, and Schedule 10, Small Power and Co-generation Over 100 kW, are currently based on rates included in Big Rivers' tariff. Explain why Meade is not proposing a change to its Schedule 8 and Schedule 10 tariffs to reflect the changes proposed by Big Rivers.

8. Refer to paragraph 6 of the application. Meade states that notice of the proposed rate change has been given as per instructions for 807 KAR 5:007, Sections 1(7)(a) and/or (b), 1(8), and 2.

(a) Identify the manner in which notice of Meade's proposed rates was provided to its customers in each county in its service territory.

(b) If the notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area, provide an affidavit from the publisher verifying the contents of the notice, that the notice was published, and the dates of the notice's publication, including a copy of the published notice.

(c) If the notice was published in a trade publication or newsletter delivered to all customers, provide an affidavit from an authorized representative of the utility verifying the contents of the notice, the mailing of the trade publication or newsletter, that notice was included in the publication or newsletter, and the date of mailing. Provide a copy of the notice.

(d) If the notice was mailed, provide an affidavit from an authorized representative of the utility verifying the contents of the notice, that notice was mailed to all customers, and the date of the mailing. Provide a copy of the notice.



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