## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND REQUEST TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY

CASE NO. 2010-00316

## <u>ORDER</u>

Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Owen Electric") has filed a notice of intent to file an application with the Commission to deviate from 807 KAR 5:001 to permit the use of electronic filing procedures and to permit the service of all documents upon parties by electronic means only.

Finding that use of electronic procedures will assist in a thorough and efficient review of the application and should be instituted for this proceeding, but that procedures should also exist to accommodate full participation by any persons who are entitled to intervene but who object to electronic participation, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Owen Electric's petition for electronic filing is granted. When a conflict exists between the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001 and those established in this Order, the parties shall comply with the latter.

2. a. When filing any pleading or other document in this proceeding, the applicant and any other party participating in this case through electronic means shall,

except as otherwise required by the Commission, file an original in paper medium and one copy in electronic medium.

b. When the applicant or any other party participating in this case through electronic means is unable to file a document electronically (e.g., materials that are too large or bulky to transfer to electronic medium), it shall contact the office of the Executive Director of the Commission for guidance.

3. Any party submitting written testimony in this proceeding shall file with such testimony a notice of filing that lists each witness presenting testimony.

4. All parties shall submit the electronic copy of any pleading or document to the Commission by uploading the document(s) using the Commission's Web Application Portal at http://psc.ky.gov/psc\_portal/. All parties shall fully comply with the instructions for electronic transmission and uploading set forth at http://psc.ky.gov/agencies/psc/ casefile/filing\_instructions\_web.pdf. If Owen Electric does not currently have an electronic filing account with the Commission, it shall register for an account pursuant to the electronic filing instructions.

5. All electronic filings shall be made in the following manner:

a. All pleadings, documents, and exhibits shall be submitted in portable document format ("PDF") and be capable of viewing with Adobe Acrobat Reader.

b. All electronic submissions in PDF format shall be search-capable and shall be optimized for viewing over the Internet.

c. Any submitted documents that are scanned shall be scanned at a resolution of 300 dots per inch "dpi."

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d. The electronic version of each document shall, where appropriate, be bookmarked to distinguish sections of the document.

e. All requested spreadsheets in electronic submissions shall be in Microsoft Excel 97-2003 format, shall be self-contained, and shall not contain any linked references to or macro commands involving external files.

f. All electronic submissions shall include an introductory file in PDF format that is named "Read1st" and that contains a general description of the filing, a list of all materials not included in the electronic filing, and a statement attesting that the electronically filed documents are a true representation of the original documents. The "Read1st" file and any other document that normally contains a signature shall include a signature in electronic format. The electronic version of the cover letter accompanying the paper filing may be substituted for a general description.

g. All files shall be named in accordance with the naming conventions found at http://psc.ky.gov/agencies/psc/casefile/filing\_instructions\_web.pdf.

h. If the electronic submission does not include all documents contained in the paper version (e.g., confidential materials; materials that are too large or bulky to transfer by electronic medium), then the absence of these documents shall be noted in the "Read1st" document.

i. No electronic transmission or uploading session shall exceed 20 files. No individual file shall exceed 50 megabytes. If a party's submission will exceed these limitations, the party shall make its electronic submission in two or more consecutive electronic transmission or uploading sessions.

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j. Upon completion of a party's electronic submission of documents to the Commission, Commission Staff shall notify all parties by electronic mail message to the parties' designated e-mail addresses.

k. When submitting documents for which confidential treatment is sought, a party shall:

(1) Submit an original in paper medium and an electronic copy of the petition requesting confidential treatment and setting forth the grounds pursuant to KRS 61.870 upon which the material should be classified as confidential and shall also submit a copy of the material with those portions for which confidentiality is sought redacted.

(2) Submit a paper copy of the material in question which identifies by underscoring, highlighting with transparent ink, or other reasonable means only those portions which, unless deleted, would disclose confidential material and a CD-ROM containing an electronic version of such material with highlighting.

6. When filing any document with the Commission, any party participating in this case through electronic means shall certify that:

a. The electronic version of the filing is a true and accurate copy of the document(s) filed in paper medium.

b. The electronic version of the filing has been transmitted to the Commission.

c. The party has, by electronic mail, notified the Commission and the other parties participating in this case by electronic means that the electronic version of the filing has been transmitted to the Commission.

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d. The party has sent, in paper medium, a copy of its filing to all parties whom the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.

7. The Commission's Executive Director shall make all electronic filings available at http://psc.ky.gov/efs/EFS\_Search.aspx for public viewing and downloading.

8. Upon a party's receipt of an electronic mail message from another party indicating that an electronic filing has been made to the Commission, it shall be the receiving party's responsibility to access the Commission's electronic file depository at http://psc.ky.gov/efs/EFS Search.aspx and download a copy of the submission.

9. a. Within five days of the date of this Order, Owen Electric shall notify the Commission in writing of the e-mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding should be served.

b. Each party granted leave to intervene in this proceeding shall, within five days of entry of the Order granting intervention, notify the Commission and all other parties of record in writing of the e-mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding should be served or, in the alternative, shall notify the Commission and all parties in writing of the reasons why it should not be required to participate in this case through electronic means and of the mailing address to which paper copies of pleadings and documents should be sent.

c. If a party objects to participation in this case through electronic means and the Commission determines that good cause exists to excuse that party from participating in this case through electronic means, then service of documents on that party and by that party shall be made in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001.

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10. Except as provided in paragraph 5(k) of this Order, when a party files a document or pleading with the Commission for which it has not filed an electronic copy, it shall file with the Commission the original document or pleading and 10 copies.

11. The instructions set forth at http://psc.ky.gov/agencies/psc/casefile/filing\_ instructions\_web.pdf are incorporated by reference into this Order. To the extent that any portion of these instructions conflicts with the provisions of this Order, the provisions of this Order shall control.

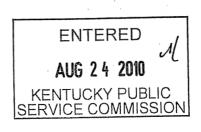
12. Any party serving a request for information upon another party to this proceeding shall, at the time of service of that request, also serve upon that party by electronic mail an electronic copy of its request. The electronic copy shall be in Microsoft Word 97-2003 format.

13. A document shall be considered timely filed with the Commission if it has been successfully transmitted in electronic medium to the Commission within the time allowed for filing. The original document, in paper medium, shall be filed at the Commission's offices on the next business day following the electronic filing. Parties shall attach to the top of such submission a paper copy of the electronic mail message from the Commission confirming transmission and receipt of its electronic submission.

14. Within five days of the date of this Order, Owen Electric shall file a statement as to whether it, or its agent, is capable of receiving electronic transmissions and whether it waives any right to service of Commission Orders by United States mail. Each party granted leave to intervene in this proceeding shall file such statement within five days of entry of the Order granting it intervention.

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By the Commission



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