

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)	2011-00038
CORPORATION WHOLESALE RATE ADJUSTMENT))	

O R D E R

On March 7, 2011, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade") tendered for filing an application to pass through any wholesale rate adjustment granted to its wholesale power supplier, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), in Case No. 2011-00036.¹ The effective date of Big Rivers' proposed rates is April 1, 2011. Meade submitted its application pursuant to the authority of KRS 278.455(2) and proposed that its new rates become effective March 1, 2011.

KRS 278.455(2) provides that the rates of a distribution cooperative shall become effective on the same date as those of its wholesale supplier. On March 17, 2011, the Commission suspended Big Rivers' proposed rates for five months, to and including August 31, 2011. Consequently, we will suspend Meade's proposed rates for five months and they may not become effective until the Commission renders a decision as to Big Rivers' proposed rates or until Big Rivers' rates become effective as a matter of law.

¹ Case No. 2011-00036, Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a General Adjustment in Rates, filed March 1, 2011.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Meade's proposed rates are suspended, up to and including August 31, 2011, in order to match the suspension period of Big Rivers' proposed wholesale rate increase.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix which is attached hereto and incorporated herein shall be followed.

3. a. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed and the original and 10 copies shall be filed with the Commission, with copies to all parties of record. 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 questions related to the information provided.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an 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.

c. A party 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.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

4. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies with the Commission, with copies to all parties of record.

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

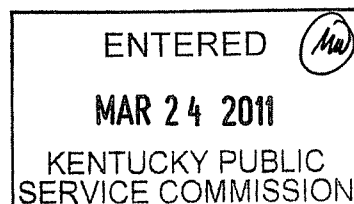
6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimony shall be permitted.

7. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon four business days' notice or the filing party shall explain, in writing, why such notice was not possible.

8. 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 good cause.

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

By the Commission



ATTEST:

Stephan Bell for Jeff Deane
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2011-00038 DATED **MAR 24 2011**

Initial requests for information to Meade shall
be filed no later than04/08/11

Meade shall file responses to initial requests for
information no later than04/22/11

Supplemental requests for information to Meade
shall be filed no later than05/05/11

Meade shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than05/18/11

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than05/31/11

All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than06/16/11

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than06/29/11

Last day for Meade to publish notice of hearing To be scheduled

Public Hearing to be held 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 and Intervenors To be scheduled

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