

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF) CASE NO.
SMART GRID AND SMART METER TECHNOLOGIES) 2012-00428

ORDER

In the June 30, 2014 Report of the Joint Utilities with Comments by the Attorney General and the Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Inc. ("Report"), the Joint Utilities recommended that:

. . . the Commission issue a final order closing this case without further proceedings and declining to impose the EISA 2007 Smart Grid information Standard, the EISA 2007 Smart Grid Investment Standard, or any other smart-technology-related standard.¹

On September 5, 2014, the Commission issued a procedural order in this case allowing for two rounds of information requests and scheduled a Public Hearing for December 17, 2014. At the time that the September 5, 2014 procedural Order was issued, the Commission found that additional discovery and a hearing were required in light of the topics discussed in the Report. However, following its review of the

¹ Administrative Case No. 2012-00428, Report of the Joint Utilities: Atmos Energy Corporation, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation, Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc., Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., Cumberland Valley Electric, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc., Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation, Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation, Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, Kenergy Corp., Kentucky Power Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc., Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation, Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc., South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, and Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Conclusion and Recommendations, filed June 30, 2014, at 81.

response to the last request for information and considering the comprehensive nature of the entire record in this proceeding, the Commission has now determined that the record provides sufficient information for the Commission to render a decision without the need for a Public Hearing.

The Commission will, therefore, give the parties, either individually or jointly, until December 5, 2014, to indicate in writing whether the Public Hearing should be held on December 17, 2014, as scheduled, or whether the matter can be submitted to the Commission for a determination on the evidentiary record. Any party requesting that the Public Hearing be held as scheduled should set forth with specificity the issue(s) to be raised at the hearing and identify the witness(es) to be cross-examined. If no party requests that the hearing be held as scheduled, the case will be submitted on the record, and the parties will be allowed to submit briefs. In any case, the Commission will hold two meetings to take comments from the public. Those meetings will be held in Hearing Room 1 at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. The first public meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, and the second public meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m. EST, on Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

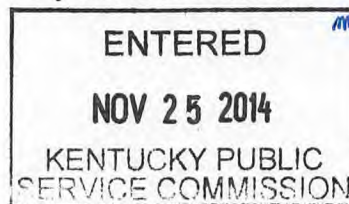
1. All parties, either individually or jointly, shall file on or before December 5, 2014, a written statement either that the Public Hearing should be conducted as scheduled on December 17, 2014, or that the matter can be submitted to the Commission for a decision based on the existing evidentiary record. Any statement that

the Public Hearing should be conducted as scheduled shall set forth with specificity the issue(s) to be raised and identify the witness(es) to be cross-examined

2. If no party requests that the Public Hearing be conducted as previously scheduled, the December 17, 2014 Public Hearing shall be cancelled and the parties, either individually or jointly, may submit a brief to be submitted on or before February 27, 2015.

3. Public meetings shall be held in Hearing Room 1 at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, on December 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. EST, and on December 17, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. EST, for the purpose of taking comments from the public.

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