

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| APPLICATION OF OWEN ELECTRIC          | ) | CASE NO.   |
| COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT   | ) | 2012-00448 |
| OF RATES                              | ) |            |
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| APPLICATION OF OWEN ELECTRIC          | ) |            |
| COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR           | ) |            |
| REVISIONS TO ITS METER READING TARIFF | ) |            |
| TO ACCOMMODATE MANUAL METER           | ) | CASE NO.   |
| READING CHARGES IN INSTANCES WHERE    | ) | 2012-00468 |
| ITS ADVANCED METERING                 | ) |            |
| INFRASTRUCTURE IS PROHIBITED FROM     | ) |            |
| BEING UTILIZED FOR ITS INTENDED       | ) |            |
| PURPOSE                               | ) |            |

ORDER

By Order entered April 25, 2013 in Case No. 2012-00468,<sup>1</sup> the Commission granted a motion by Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Owen") to: (1) withdraw from that case its pending tariff, which was suspended through April 30, 2013, proposing a \$30.00 monthly meter reading fee for any customer who refuses the use of remote meter readings; (2) substitute in that case a new tendered tariff which is identical in all respects to its then pending tariff except for the omission of an effective date; and (3) consolidate that case with this pending rate case.

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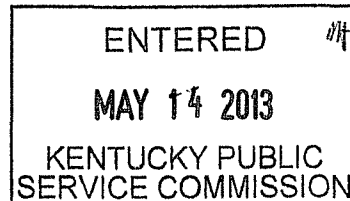
<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2012-00468, *Application of Owen Electric Cooperative Corporation for Revisions to Its Meter Reading Tariff to Accommodate Manual Meter Reading Charges in Instances Where Its Advanced Metering Infrastructure is Prohibited From Being Utilized for Its Intended Purpose* (Ky. PSC Apr. 25, 2013).

Based on a review of the April 25, 2013 Order in Case No. 2012-00468, a copy of which is attached hereto as an Appendix to this Order, the Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Owen's tariff proposing a \$30.00 monthly meter reading fee for any customer who refuses the use of remote meter readings shall be investigated as part of this rate case.

2. All future filings relating to any issue in Case No. 2012-00468 or this rate case shall contain the styles of both cases and shall be filed in Case No. 2012-00448.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

Case No. 2012-00448  
Case No. 2012-00468

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NOS. 2012-00448 AND 2012-00468 DATED MAY 14 2013

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CORPORATION FOR REVISIONS TO ITS METER )  
READING TARIFF TO ACCOMMODATE MANUAL METER ) CASE NO.  
READING CHARGES IN INSTANCES WHERE ITS ) 2012-00468  
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE IS )  
PROHIBITED FROM BEING UTILIZED FOR ITS )  
INTENDED PURPOSE )

ORDER

On October 15, 2012, Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Owen") filed with the Commission a petition for approval of a revision to its meter reading tariff to allow for a \$30.00 monthly meter reading charge when a customer refuses an Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") meter. The application proposed that the tariff become effective on December 1, 2012. On November 16, 2012, the Commission suspended the tariff for five months up to and including April 30, 2013. Commission Staff issued, and Owen responded to, two information requests. Informal conferences were held on February 6, 2013 and April 17, 2013.

On March 27, 2013, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky by and through his Office of Rate Intervention ("AG") filed a motion to intervene and comments in this proceeding. In his comments, the AG raised two issues. The first issue is that Owen's request to recover certain revenues related to meter reading outside of a general rate case represents, in the AG's opinion, "single issue rate

making" which could lead to unreasonable rates. The AG notes that Owen currently has an application for a general adjustment of rates before the Commission in Case No. 2012-00448,<sup>1</sup> and that if Owen needs to revise a revenue-generating tariff, it should do so in its pending rate case. The AG's second issue is that the request by Owen appears to circumvent the Commission's comprehensive review of the intricacies of Smart Grid in the Commission's pending administrative case,<sup>2</sup> in the AG's opinion.

On April 15, 2013, Owen filed a response to the AG's motion to intervene, stating that it does not oppose the AG's motion to intervene, but disagrees with the AG's comments. Owen further states that, in order to allow for further briefing and/or arguments pertaining to the AG's comments, it does not oppose consolidating this case with its pending application for a general adjustment of rates in Case No. 2012-00448. On April 19, Owen filed a motion to withdraw the proposed tariff and to substitute a new tariff that was included with the motion. The new tariff is identical to the previously filed tariff but has no effective date. Owen also requested the consolidation of this case with Case No. 2012-00448.

Having reviewed the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the instant case should be consolidated with Case No. 2012-00448.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The AG's motion to intervene is granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2012-00448, Application of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. for an Adjustment of Rates (filed Mar. 25, 2013).

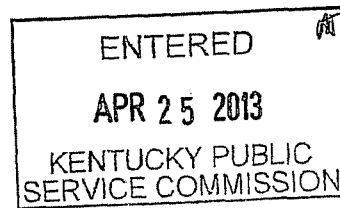
<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2012-00428, Consideration of the Implementation of Smart Grid and Smart Meter Technologies (initiated Oct. 1, 2012).

2. Owen's motion to withdraw the proposed tariff and to substitute a new tariff, identical to the previously filed tariff but with no effective date, is granted.

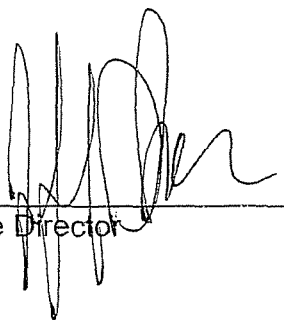
3. The entire record of this case is consolidated with and into Case No. 2012-00448. All future filings relating to any issue in either case shall contain the styles of both cases, and shall be filed in Case No. 2012-00448.

4. Case No. 2012-00468 shall remain on the Commission's docket until such time as a final Order is entered in the consolidated case.

By the Commission



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