

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC |) | |
| CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL |) | CASE NO. |
| ADJUSTMENT OF RATES |) | 2012-00535 |

ORDER

On January 15, 2013, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") filed an application for an adjustment of its rates for wholesale electric service based on a forecasted test period. Big Rivers proposed an effective date to implement its proposed rates of February 18, 2013.

Having reviewed the application, we find that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of Big Rivers' proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be completed by February 18, 2013. Therefore, the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for six months as permitted when, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), an application is based on a forecasted test period. The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Absent informal resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least four business days prior to the established due date. If this deadline is not met, the filing party should include in the written objection or motion a full and complete explanation for such failure.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Big Rivers' proposed rates are suspended for six months, up to and including August 17, 2013.

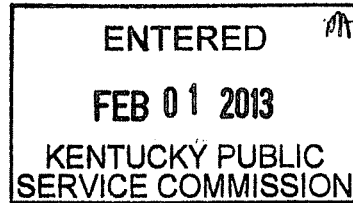
2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix shall be followed.
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 - a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 10 copies to the Commission.
 - 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 paper copies.
5. Big Rivers shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). At the time publication is requested, Big Rivers 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 testimonies 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:

Stephanie Bell for Jeff Derr
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2012-00535 DATED **FEB 01 2013**

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| All requests for information to Big Rivers shall be filed no later than | 02/14/13 |
| Big Rivers shall file responses to requests for information no later than | 02/28/13 |
| All supplemental requests for information to Big Rivers shall be filed no later than. | 03/14/13 |
| Big Rivers shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than | 03/28/13 |
| Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than | 04/11/13 |
| All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than..... | 04/25/13 |
| Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than | 05/09/13 |
| Big Rivers' rebuttal testimony, in any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than..... | 05/23/13 |
| Last day for Big Rivers 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 Big Rivers and Intervenors | To be scheduled |
| Simultaneous Briefs, if any, are to be filed | To be scheduled |

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