

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG SANDY RURAL ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT OF EXISTING RATES)	2017-00374

ORDER

On October 30, 2017, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Big Sandy") submitted an application for an adjustment of electric rates based on a historical test period. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on November 29, 2017. By letter dated November 3, 2017, the Commission notified Big Sandy that its rate application was accepted as filed.

Based on a review of Big Sandy's rate application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be concluded by November 29, 2017. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months, up to and including April 28, 2018.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Big Sandy's proposed rates are suspended for five months from November 29, 2017, up to and including April 28, 2018.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

3. 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 questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record, and the original and ten 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. Any 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.

e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

4. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an original and ten copies. The original and copies shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed.

5. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after November 28, 2017, shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

6. Big Sandy shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the

PSC website, psc.ky.gov.” At the time publication is requested, Big Sandy shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

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

8. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.

9. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, 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.

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

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00374 DATED **NOV 16 2017**

- Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than 11/28/2017
- All requests for information to Big Sandy shall be filed no later than..... 12/08/2017
- Big Sandy shall file responses to requests for information no later than..... 12/19/2017
- All supplemental requests for information to Big Sandy shall be filed no later than 01/09/2018
- Big Sandy shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than 01/23/2018
- Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than..... 02/02/2018
- All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than 02/16/2018
- Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than 02/27/2018
- Big Sandy shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than 03/13/2018
- Last day for Big Sandy 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 Sandy and Intervenors.....To be scheduled
- Simultaneous Briefs, if any.....To be scheduled

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