

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC CONSIDERATION OF THE	)	
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NET	)	CASE NO.
METERING ACT	)	2019-00256

ORDER

On August 29, 2019, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) submitted a request by electronic mail<sup>1</sup> to amend the existing procedural schedule for this proceeding. Currently, written comments are due on September 20, 2019, and a public comment hearing is scheduled for October 1, 2019. KFTC requested that the written comment deadline be extended to the end of October.

As a basis for its request, KFTC asserted that it would be difficult for persons interested in the implementation of net metering or those with expertise on the matter to prepare written comments or deliver those comments at the public comment hearing under the existing procedural schedule. KFTC asked that the comment period and hearing extend to the end of October in order to allow adequate time to prepare and file written comments.

This is the second request to amend the existing procedural schedule. We previously found that Kentucky Solar Industries Association, Inc. (KYSEIA) failed to establish good cause to amend the procedural schedule in order to permit its experts

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<sup>1</sup> KFTC's electronic mail was filed into the case record on September 4, 2019.

sufficient time to prepare for the public comment hearing.<sup>2</sup>In establishing the procedural schedule, the Commission balanced the need of utilities, stakeholders, and interested persons for sufficient time to prepare and file written comments with the Commission's need for sufficient time to consider and evaluate comments, issue a final report, and, separately, in consideration of those comments, develop the process for net metering rate cases ahead of the January 1, 2020 effective date. In light of the importance of receiving useful comments to draw upon for implementing net metering rate case procedures, the Commission finds that KFTC's request to amend the procedural schedule is reasonable, but the time period requested is not reasonable as it would not provide sufficient time for the Commission to thoroughly consider the written comments. The Commission is persuaded that extending the period for filing written comments by a few weeks will allow us sufficient time to consider comments and is responsive to KFTC's request to allow sufficient time for utilities, stakeholders, and interested persons to prepare and file written comments that contain useful information.

For the above reasons, the Commission finds that the procedural schedule should be amended as follows:

1. Written comments should be filed no later than October 15, 2019.
2. A public comment hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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<sup>2</sup> See Case 2019-00256, Electronic Consideration of the Implementation of the Net Metering Act (Ky. PSC Aug. 29, 2019)

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. KFTC's request to amend the procedural schedule is granted. Ordering paragraph 3 of the July 30, 2019 Order is stricken and replaced with the following language:

Written comments shall be filed no later than October 15, 2019.

3. Ordering paragraph 4 of the July 30, 2019 Order is stricken and replaced with the following language:

A public comment hearing shall be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, in the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

4. All other provisions of the July 30, 2019 Order not otherwise in conflict with this Order remain in effect.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:

  
Executive Director *for* *Brian R. Pinson*

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