

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF |) | CASE NO. |
| INTERCONNECTION AND NET METERING |) | 2020-00302 |
| GUIDELINES |) | |

ORDER

The Commission, on its own motion, hereby initiates this case to investigate and potentially modify and update net metering interconnection guidelines in light of the time since the establishment of those guidelines over a decade ago¹ and to address the enactment of Senate Bill 100, An Act Related to Net Metering, which took effect on January 1, 2020.² A copy of Senate Bill 100 is attached hereto as Appendix A. SB 100 amends the existing statutory requirements for the net metering of electricity, which are codified in KRS 278.465 to 278.467. In a separate proceeding to address certain aspects of the enactment Senate Bill 100, the Commission concurred with several of the commenters that net metering interconnection guidelines needed to be updated.³ The Commission, therefore, finds that this proceeding is necessary due to the passage of time since the Commission last visited these issues in Case No. 2008-00169.

¹ Administrative Case No. 2008-00169, *Development of Guidelines for Interconnection and Net Metering for Certain Generators With Capacity Up To Thirty Kilowatts* (Ky. PSC Jan. 8, 2009).

² The Net Metering Act was signed into law on March 26, 2019.

³ Case No. 2019-00256, *Electronic Consideration of the Implementation of the Net Metering Act* (Ky. PSC Dec. 18, 2019), final Order at 34.

The Commission further finds that all of the jurisdictional electric utilities should be made parties to this case. Those utilities are as follows:

Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation
Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc.
Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.
Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative
Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation
Jackson Energy Cooperative
Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative
Kenergy Corp.
Kentucky Power Company/American Electric Power
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
Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Because many of these utilities share common interests with respect to the issues of interconnections and net metering, one or more utilities may elect to participate as a group, with a designated leader or attorney, rather than participating individually. Utilities that choose to participate as a group should notify the Commission in writing of their intent to do so. The Commission also encourages any individuals or groups with a special interest in the interconnection standards applicable to net metering, to participate, either by moving for intervention as dictated by statute and regulation, or by filing comments,

which may include suggested guidelines. Any requests for intervention should be by motion filed no later than October 30, 2020.

The Commission will establish a procedural schedule by subsequent Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This case is established to investigate net metering interconnection guidelines.
2. All Kentucky jurisdictional electric utilities as enumerated in the findings above shall be parties to this case.
3. All motions to intervene shall be filed no later than October 30, 2020.
4. The Acting Executive Director shall serve a copy of this Order on both the Commonwealth's Office of Energy Policy and the Attorney General of Kentucky's Office of Rate Intervention.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



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