

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC 2024 JOINT INTEGRATED)	
RESOURCE PLAN OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND)	CASE NO.
ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY)	2024-00326
UTILITIES COMPANY)	

ORDER

This matter arises upon the motion of the Southern Renewable Energy Association (SREA), filed October 24, 2024, for full intervention. As a basis for its motion, SREA stated that it has a special interest in this Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) proceeding not adequately represented by any party in this case¹ and, if granted intervention, will present issues, and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the IRP without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceeding.²

LEGAL STANDARD

The only person who has a statutory right to intervene in this Commission case is the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention (Attorney General), pursuant to KRS 367.150(8)(b). The Attorney General was granted intervention on October 24, 2024. Intervention by others is permissive and is within the sole discretion of the Commission.³

¹ SREA's Motion to Intervene (filed Oct. 24, 2024) at 3.

² SREA's Motion to Intervene at 4.

³ *Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation v. Public Service Commission of Kentucky*, 407 S.W.2d 127, 130 (Ky. 1966).

The regulatory standard for permissive intervention, set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4, is twofold. Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), requires a person to set forth in the motion to intervene either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not otherwise adequately represented in the case, or (2) that 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.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Based on a review of the pleadings at issue and being otherwise sufficient advised, the Commission finds that SREA that it is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in considering this matter without unduly complication the proceedings, for the reasons discussed below.

SREA is a non-profit corporation established in 2013, whose purpose is promoting the responsible use and development of wind energy, solar energy, energy storage, and transmission solutions in the South, including Kentucky.⁴ SREA argued that it has an interest in providing the most up-to-date publicly available market information regarding renewable energy resource availability, pricing, performance, and forecasting in dockets concerning the integrated resource planning of electric utilities.⁵ SREA stated its members are actively developing renewable energy projects in Kentucky and it has expert capacity to convey the interest of supply-side energy resources, specifically, large-scale renewable energy development companies.⁶

⁴ SREA's Motion to Intervene at 2.

⁵ SREA's Motion to Intervene at 3–4.

⁶ SREA's Motion to Intervene at 3.

Based on the above areas of expertise, the Commission finds that SREA should be granted full rights of a party in this proceeding. The Commission directs SREA to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085⁷ regarding filings with the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. SREA's motion to intervene is granted.
2. SREA is entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
3. SREA shall comply with all provisions of the Commission's regulations, 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to the service and electronic filing of documents.
4. SREA shall adhere to the procedural schedule set forth in the Commission's October 30, 2024 Order and as amended by subsequent Orders.
5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(9), within seven days of service of this Order, SREA shall file a written statement with the Commission that:
 - a. Certifies that it, or its agent, possesses the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and
 - b. Sets forth the electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding shall be served.

⁷ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman



Commissioner

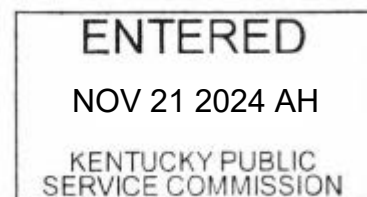


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