

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SOUTH)	
KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT)	2024-00402
OF RATES AND OTHER GENERAL RELIEF)	

ORDER

On February 3, 2025, South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (South Kentucky RECC) filed its application for an increase of rates based on a historical test year pursuant to KRS 278.180 and KRS 278.190. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on March 5, 2025.¹ On February 19, 2025, the Commission suspended the effective dates of the proposed rates for five months, up to and including August 5, 2025, and established a procedural schedule.²

An evidentiary hearing was held on July 17, 2025. South Kentucky RECC responded to post-hearing requests for information on July 29, 2025, and the parties filed simultaneous post-hearing briefs on August 8, 2025. South Kentucky RECC filed a response brief on August 15, 2025.

¹ Application (filed Feb. 3, 2025) at 3.

² Order (Ky. PSC Feb. 19, 2025).

On August 20, 2025, South Kentucky RECC filed notice, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), stating that it intended to place the proposed rates into effect for services rendered on and after September 1, 2025.³

Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), a utility is permitted to place proposed rates into effect at the end of the suspension period, upon written notice to the Commission and subject to refund, pending a final Order. The Commission may require a utility that provides such notice to maintain records that will allow the utility, the Commission, or any customer to determine the amounts to be refunded, and to whom, in the event a refund is ordered upon final resolution of the case. Further, upon final resolution, the Commission may order a refund to the extent the rates approved in the final Order are lower than rates proposed by the utility and placed into effect pursuant to KRS 278.190(2).⁴

South Kentucky RECC provided notice that it would place its proposed rates into effect pursuant to KRS 278.190(2) on September 1, 2025. The Commission is still reviewing the record in this matter such that a final Order will not be issued by September 1, 2025, when South Kentucky RECC indicated it would place its proposed rates into effect pending the final Order pursuant to KRS 278.190(2). The Commission finds that, because its review of the matter is not complete, South Kentucky RECC should be allowed to place its proposed rates identified in its August 20, 2025 notice into effect subject to refund.

³ South Kentucky RECC's Notice of Intent to Place Rates into Effect Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2) (filed August 20, 2025).

⁴ KRS 278.190(2).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), South Kentucky RECC shall maintain its records in such a manner as will allow it, the Commission, or any customer to determine the amounts to be refunded, and to whom in the event a refund is ordered upon final resolution of this matter.

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