

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION TO CONSIDER)	
DEVIATION OF REGULATION 807 KAR 5:041,)	CASE NO.
SECTION 7, VOLTAGE SURVEYS AND)	2025-00131
RECORDS)	

ORDER

On April 22, 2026, the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives (Cooperatives) filed a motion for a deviation from 807 KAR 5:041, Section 7, pursuant to the final Order issued in Case No. 2025-00131.¹

In support of this request, the Cooperatives stated the advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and automated meter reading (AMR) equipment they use allows them to remotely monitor systemwide voltage with instantly transmitted data, which enables the Cooperatives to detect and address voltage issues down to the customer level.² Additionally, the request stated that “[m]any of the systems have the ability to set alarms if voltage falls outside of a specified range, thereby allowing for immediate response to

¹ Kentucky Electric Cooperatives (Cooperatives) Motion for Deviation (filed Apr. 22, 2026) filed on behalf of Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation; Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc.; Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.; Fleming Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc.; Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation; Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation; Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation; Kenergy Corporation.; Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; 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; and Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation in response to the Order granting the deviation (Ky PSC Apr. 1, 2026).

² Cooperatives Motion at 2.

any voltage concerns.”³ Finally, more generally, the Cooperatives alleged that the “AMI/AMR capabilities offer improved recordkeeping characteristics through digital tracking, automation, and storage, which will facilitate the Cooperatives’ ability to satisfy the requirement to store voltage survey data in an easily accessible format for a minimum of three years.”⁴

LEGAL STANDARD

The Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over the regulation of rates and service of utilities in Kentucky.⁵ Pursuant to KRS 278.042, the Commission shall prescribe the service adequacy and safety standards for electric utilities, as stated in the Commission's administrative regulations, orders, and in the applicable edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).⁶ In keeping with KRS Chapter 13A, the Commission may adopt reasonable regulations and investigate the methods and practices of utilities to require them to conform to the laws of this state, and to all reasonable rules, regulations and orders of the commission not contrary to law.⁷ Additionally, in special cases for good cause shown, the Commission may permit deviations from these rules.⁸

³ Cooperatives’ Motion at 3.

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⁵ KRS 278.042(2).

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⁷ KRS 278.040(3).

⁸ 807 KAR 5:041, Section 22.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission denies the Cooperatives' present motion with leave for each utility within the Cooperative to file a separate motion for the Commission to consider.

The Commission recognizes that the individual Cooperatives may have the appropriate capabilities to comply with the deviation the Commission previously granted in this case.⁹ However, as written, the motion includes a deviation for both AMI and AMR on behalf of all the Cooperatives. The Commission's final Order specifically referenced only AMI capabilities.¹⁰ In addition, the Commission is aware that the Cooperatives do not have uniform systems, and not all of the systems have the ability of recording the voltage over a determined period of time.¹¹ Without utility specific information to ensure that the entirety of the system has AMI voltage reading capabilities, the Commission has no way to ensure continued adequate, reliable service that complies with this specific regulation. Accordingly, the Cooperatives, individually, that want to pursue a deviation should file a motion for deviation detailing the AMI capabilities of its system.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Cooperatives' collective motion for deviation from voltage survey requirements in 807 KAR 5:041, Section 7, is denied.

⁹ Order (Ky PSC Apr. 1, 2026).

¹⁰ Order (Ky PSC Apr. 1, 2026), ordering paragraph 1.

¹¹ Kentucky Electric Cooperatives Response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 2 (filed June 27, 2025).

2. The Cooperatives seeking a deviation shall file an individual motion describing the relevant specific features of its AMI system to avail themselves of the deviation in this matter.

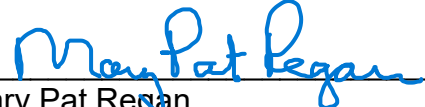
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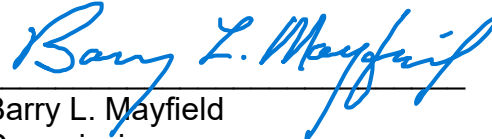
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