

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED)	
VIOLATIONS OF KRS 278.160, 807 KAR 5:006;)	
AND COMMISSION ORDERS BY SALT RIVER)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP., SALT RIVER)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP.'S BOARD OF)	
DIRECTORS: JIMMY LONGMIRE, CHAIRMAN;)	CASE NO.
A.C. "HAPPY" CAHOE, VICE CHAIRMAN; LINDA)	2020-00347
WEST, SECRETARY; GAYLE TROUTMAN,)	
TREASURER; DARRELL TINGLE, DIRECTOR;)	
AND GARRY MANN, AND SALT RIVER ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE CORP.'S PRESIDENT AND)	
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TIM SHARP)	

ORDER

On October 22, 2020, the Commission issued an Order opening this proceeding and investigation. The October 22, 2020 Order scheduled a hearing for October 26, 2020, and required Salt River Electric Cooperative Corp. (Salt River Electric) to file, no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, October 23, 2020, responses to the allegations in the October 22, 2020 Order.

On October 23, 2020, Salt River Electric, by counsel, filed a motion with the Commission requesting that the Commission (1) allow an additional seven days, until October 30, 2020, to file a response to the Commission's October 22, 2020 Order; (2) reschedule the hearing currently scheduled for October 26, 2020, to the week of November 2, 2020, (except for November 3, 2020); and (3) allow for the remote appearance at the rescheduled hearing of certain parties, particularly those of advanced age or with health problems.

Salt River Electric, as grounds for its motion, states that it recognizes the seriousness of this matter and has ceased all disconnections for nonpayment as directed by the Commission in ordering paragraph 9 of the October 22, 2020 Order. Salt River Electric asserts that it has reconnected each of the 62 prepay members that it disconnected for nonpayment since the moratorium on disconnections was lifted on October 20, 2020, and will not disconnect any of its accounts pending further orders of the Commission. Salt River Electric also asserts that a seven day extension in which to file a response would allow its counsel to review the issues and prepare a thorough response to the October 22, 2020 Order.

The Commission finds that Salt River Electric has provided sufficient grounds for its motion to be granted, the hearing scheduled for October 26, 2020, should be rescheduled, and that the time in which to respond to the Commission's October 22, 2020 Order should be extended until October 30, 2020. The Commission further finds that the subpoenas issued for Jimmy Longmire, A.C. "Happy" Cahoe, Linda West, Gayle Troutman, Darrell Tingle, Garry Mann, Phyllis Oliver, and Tim Sharp should be canceled.

The Commission notes that its October 22, 2020 Order only prohibited Salt River Electric's disconnections of service for nonpayment. Salt River Electric may continue to disconnect service for other causes such as the existence of a dangerous condition,¹ noncompliance with state or local codes,² or theft of service.³

¹ 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(1)(b)

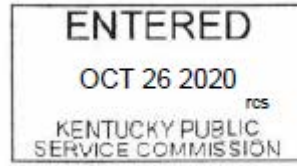
² 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(1)(e)

³ 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(1)(g)

Based upon the foregoing, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Salt River Electric's motion is granted.
2. Salt River Electric shall file its responses to the Commission's October 22, 2020 Order no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, October 30, 2020.
3. The hearing scheduled for October 26, 2020, is canceled and will be rescheduled by subsequent Order which will also address Salt River Electric's request for the remote participation of some parties.
4. The subpoenas issued for Jimmy Longmire, A.C. "Happy" Cahoe, Linda West, Gayle Troutman, Darrell Tingle, Garry Mann, Phyllis Oliver, and Tim Sharp are canceled.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

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