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ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE)
ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S)
RULES CONCERNING METER AGGREGATION)
AND COMBINED BILLING FOR NET-METERING)
CUSTOMERS)

DOCKET NO. 12-060-R
ORDER NO. 9

ORDER

On September 3, 2013, by Order No. 7 in this docket, the Arkansas Public Service Commission ("Commission") adopted amendments to its Net Metering Rules ("NMRs") to allow meter aggregation for net-metering customers. Order No. 7 also directed jurisdictional electric utilities to file in this docket any tariff amendments necessary to comply with the amended rule on or before noon of September 20, 2013.

On September 13, 2013, by Order No. 8, the Commission directed the General Staff of the Commission ("Staff") to file proposed conforming revisions to NMR Appendix A ("Standard Interconnection Agreement") and Appendix B ("Standard Net Metering Tariff") on or before noon of September 17, 2013. On September 16, Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Southwestern Electric Power Company, The Empire District Electric Company, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company and the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas (collectively, "Joint Utilities") submitted a *Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing of Net Metering Tariff Amendments* ("Motion"). On September 17, 2013, Staff submitted a *Response* ("Tariff Response") to Order No. 8, with mark-up and clean versions of a proposed standard tariff, provided as Attachments A and B, respectively.

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Also on September 17, 2013, Staff submitted a *Response to the Motion to Extend the Deadline for Filing Tariff Amendments* (“Motion Response”).

The Motion indicates that the filing of Staff’s proposed revised Appendix A and Appendix B on September 17, 2013 does not allow utilities enough time to consider those revisions and to submit the required September 20, 2013 tariff compliance filings. Motion at ¶ 3. Joint Utilities move that the tariff compliance filing deadline be extended to noon on September 30, 2013. Motion at ¶ 4.

Staff does not oppose extension of the September 20, 2013 compliance tariff filing deadline. Motion Response at ¶ 1. Staff argues that an approved standard tariff should expedite the filing, review and approval of compliance tariffs, and proposes that the compliance tariffs should be filed ten days after the date of an order approving the standard tariff. *Id.* at ¶ 2-3. Staff requests that it be provided up to twenty days after the compliance filing to file testimony addressing compliance, in accordance with the procedures set out in Order No. 1 of Docket No. 10-035-A.

Findings and Ruling


On the basis of the reasonableness of Joint Utilities’ request and of the lack of objection by any party, the Motion to extend the compliance tariff filing deadline is granted, with the following modifications:

- (1) Parties may file comments regarding Staff’s proposed standard tariff on or before noon of September 25, 2013;
- (2) Compliance tariffs shall be filed on or before noon of the tenth day following the date of an order approving a standard tariff; and

(3) Staff shall file testimony regarding the compliance of filed tariffs on or before noon of the twentieth day following the date compliance tariffs are filed.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION,

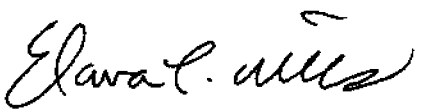
This 19th day of September, 2013.

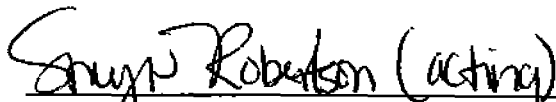

Colette D. Honorable, Chairman

I hereby certify that this order, issued by the Arkansas Public Service Commission, has been served on all parties of record on this date by the following method:

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Kristi Rhude, Secretary of the Commission