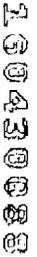


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APPLICATION OF

RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

For revised Competitive Service
Provider Coordination Tariff

CASE NO. PUE-2016-00044

ORDER FOR COMMENT

On April 20, 2016, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative ("REC" or "Cooperative") filed with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a revised Competitive Service Provider ("CSP") Coordination Tariff ("CSP Coordination Tariff" or "Tariff") together with accompanying documents ("Filing"). The Cooperative's April 20, 2016 transmittal letter accompanying the Filing ("Transmittal Letter") states that these revisions correspond to legislative and regulatory changes affecting electric utilities' coordination of billing and metering service with CSPs furnishing competitive electric generation supply.¹ The revisions are proposed to become effective no later than May 1, 2016.

The Transmittal Letter states that the Cooperative proposes changes to its currently effective: (i) Competitive Services Provider Coordination Tariff; (ii) Competitive Service Provider Agreement; (iii) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Trading Partner Agreement; (iv) Dispute Resolution Procedure; and (v) Aggregator Agreement. The Transmittal Letter requests that the Filing be reviewed and accepted by the Commission Staff on an administrative

¹ In particular, the Cooperative cites generally to the Virginia General Assembly's 2007 enactment of the Virginia Electric Utility Regulation Act (Chapters 888 and 933 of the 2007 Acts of Assembly) which, *inter alia*, eliminated electric utilities' then-existing statutory obligation to allow CSP-furnished competitive metering and billing services; 2009 revisions to the Commission's *Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services*, 20 VAC 5-312-10 *et seq.*; and 2009 revisions to the Commission's *Rules Governing Exemptions to Minimum Stay Requirements and Wires Charges*, 20 VAC 5-313-10 *et seq.* The aforesaid rules were revised by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2008-00061. Transmittal Letter at 1, 2.

basis. The Cooperative also has requested that the Commission expedite its review of the Filing to enable the proposed Tariff revisions to become effective not later than May 1, 2016.²

Finally, the Cooperative requests that in the event the Commission determines that a formal proceeding is required in this matter, the Cooperative be permitted to immediately implement the Tariff amendments on an interim basis, subject to any changes the Commission may thereafter require.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Filing, is of the opinion and finds that the Filing should be docketed and a procedural schedule established for its consideration. As noted above, the Cooperative has sought to make these changes administratively by transmitting them to the Clerk of the Commission for filing. However, the proposed changes contained in the Filing will have practical implications for competitive electric generation supply within REC's service territory. Consequently, the Commission finds that it will be beneficial to provide notice of this Filing to CSPs currently licensed to provide competitive electric generation supply in Virginia (and to those entities with pending CSP licensing applications) and to provide such CSPs (or prospective CSPs) an opportunity to comment on the Filing, prior to final action by the Commission thereon.

Consequently, the Commission will direct the Clerk of the Commission to send copies of this Order to all such current or prospective CSPs. The Commission will further provide such CSPs an opportunity to comment on the Cooperative's Filing. The Staff of the Commission ("Commission Staff" or "Staff") may also comment on the Filing, and the Cooperative will be permitted to reply to comments of interested parties and the Staff.

² Transmittal Letter at 1.

Further, and as requested by the Cooperative, we will permit REC's revised CSP Coordination Tariff (and accompanying documents) to become effective on an interim basis with the entry of this Order, subject to the Commission's further review thereof in this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) REC's Filing is hereby docketed and assigned Case No. PUE-2016-00044.

(2) Upon the entry of this Order, REC may implement its revised CSP Coordination Tariff (and accompanying documents) on an interim basis, subject to the Commission's review in this proceeding, and further subject to such changes or modifications as may be required by the Commission as a result thereof.

(3) On or before May 20, 2016, interested persons, including the aforesaid CSPs, may submit written comments on REC's Filing herein by filing such comments with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website:

<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Interested persons shall refer in their comments to Case No. PUE-2016-00044.

(4) On or before June 3, 2016, the Commission Staff may submit comments concerning the reasonableness of REC's Filing and shall, concurrent with filing such comments with the Clerk of the Commission, promptly serve one (1) copy on counsel for the Cooperative.

(5) On or before June 10, 2016, REC shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any reply comments it may have concerning the comments of interested parties or the Commission Staff filed herein.

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(6) This matter is continued generally.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:
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Attachment A attached hereto. A copy also shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of
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