

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE REQUEST OF INTER-COUNTY RURAL )  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION ) CASE NO. 7579  
FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM 807 KAR 50:015 )  
(BUDGET BILLING PLAN) )

O R D E R

On September 10, 1979, the Commission notified Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation that it must comply with 807 KAR 50:015 (11) by implementing a budget billing plan before the end of calendar year 1979. Thereafter, by letter dated September 14, 1979, the Company requested an extension of time to implement its budget billing plan.

The Commission decided to treat this letter as an application to deviate from the provisions of 807 KAR 50:015 (11); therefore, the matter was set for hearing on the 2nd day of October, 1979, in the Commission's office in Frankfort, Kentucky. The hearing was held as scheduled with one intervenor, the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Protection, being present.

On October 22, 1979, the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Protection filed its Motion seeking permission to file a brief in this matter. The Commission, by Order dated November 2, 1979, sustained the Motion and ordered the brief to be submitted on or before November 15, 1979. The brief, which was filed on November 15, 1979, along with additional information submitted by the Applicant on October 15 and October 30, 1979, has been made a part of the record herein.

The Commission, after consideration of the application and all evidence of record, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

- (1) The Company is continuing efforts to offer individually fashioned partial payment plans to customers experiencing hardships.
- (2) To implement a budget plan before April, 1980, would place a financial burden upon the Applicant.

(3) The Company has filed its proposed plan which it has committed to implement by April 1, 1980.

(4) The proposed plan, with the exception of the requirement that no customer can go on budget billing unless they have had service with Inter-County for one full year, is in the best interest of all concerned and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation be and it hereby is granted an extension until April 1, 1980, at which time it shall place its proposed plan, revised to reflect availability to all its residential members, in full operation.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the 7th day of April, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
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Chairman

  
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Vice Chairman

  
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Commissioner

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Secretary