

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION REQUEST)
FOR DEVIATION IN METER TESTING) CASE NO. 8119
PROCEDURES.)

O R D E R

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (South Kentucky) filed its application with the Commission, by letter received December 11, 1980, in which they proposed to eliminate the fifty per cent (50%) power factor tests on certain single phase kilowatt-hour meters which are used to measure customers energy usage. This request for a deviation is made in compliance with regulation 807 KAR 50:065, Section 21. South Kentucky submitted a proposed tariff incorporating this deviation (ERC Kentucky No. 5, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4, dated December 10, 1980). This proposed tariff states that the 50% power factor test would continue to be made on meters which were submitted for a request test. South Kentucky also submitted the meter test results of meters tested during a two months period to demonstrate that the tests made at 50% power factor did not differ substantially from the tests made at 100% power factor.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being advised is of the opinion and finds:

1. That regulation 807 KAR 50:065, Section 16(1) requires that meters be tested at both 100% and 50% power factor and that a utility may apply to the Commission for approval to deviate from this rule in accordance with regulation 807 KAR 50:065, Section 21.

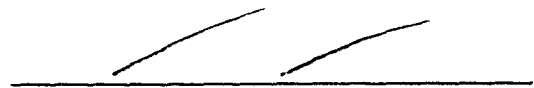
2. That the requirement for testing meters at 50% power factor is burdensome to the members in that it entails additional costs to the utility and the test data filed with the application tends to support the contention by South Kentucky that the tests results at 50% power factor are not materially different from the

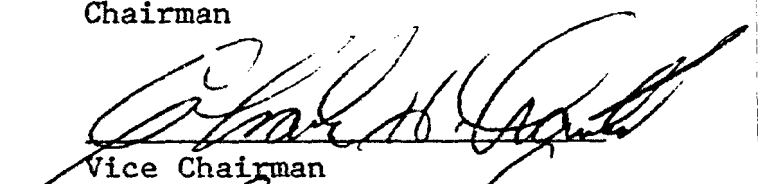
tests made at 100% power factor; however in view of the many different types and designs of meters in service now and those that will be introduced in the future and also in consideration of the various practices of utilities in repairing and servicing meters, the decision on this matter should be delayed pending a further study by the Commission of the merits of the matter and therefore the application by South Kentucky should be denied at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application by South Kentucky for a deviation from regulation 807 KAR 50:065, Section 16(1) be denied without prejudice.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 19th day of February, 1981.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary