COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE NECESSITY AND USEFULNESS OF AND THE COST RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HANGING ROCK-JEFFERSON 765-KV TRANSMISSION LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. 8904

ORDER

On September 30, 1983, Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power"), by counsel, filed its Motion for Continuance (45 days) on the grounds that Kentucky Power needs additional time to comply with the Commission's Order entered September 20, 1983, as to the preparation of additional evidence. The Motion states that Kentucky Power is undertaking to obtain an independent evaluation of the need for and engineering of the 765 KV line, as well as the appropriateness of Kentucky Power's owning 100% of that portion of the line physically located in Kentucky, and because of the complexity of these issues, an outside consultant will need at least 45 days from the current testimony filing date of October 10, 1983, in order to prepare complete and accurate testimony. The Motion further states that American Electric Power Service personnel who would be the proper witnesses for the issues raised in this proceeding are currently preparing for three hearings to be held in surrounding jurisdictions and these requirements would effectively preclude them from devoting the time to this case.

Kentucky Power further moves that the hearing in this proceeding be held concurrently with the hearing in Case No. 8271 (In the Matter of the Application of Kentucky Power Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity) on the basis that much of the substance in either proceeding will be relevant to the other, and that the witnesses of Kentucky Power will be the same in both proceedings.

The Commission, having considered the Motion and being advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the Motion be and it hereby is sustained and the hearing scheduled November 3, 1983, at 9:00 a.m., be and it hereby is rescheduled on January 10, 1984, at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this case be and it hereby is consolidated with Case No. 8271 for hearing purposes only.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the third ordering paragraph of the Commission's Order entered September 20, 1983, is hereby amended and Kentucky Power shall file its testimony in verified prepared form by the close of business December 5, 1983.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of October, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CITE L LINEIT Chairman Commiss

ATTEST:

Secretary