## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF FARMERS RURAL )
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION )
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AN ) CASE NO. 8894
INCREASE IN ITS MISCELLANEOUS )
FEES AND CHARGES

## ORDER

On September 1, 1983, Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Farmers") filed its application with this Commission seeking authority to increase its miscellaneous fees and charges. By Order issued November 15, 1983, the Commission provided an opportunity for a hearing. if requested, in this matter and directed Farmers to notify its customers of the proposed increases. There were no intervenors of record nor was a hearing held in this matter.

Farmers' cost of service data filed in response to the Commission's Order of October 18, 1983, support all of the proposed charges except the return check charge. The Commission is of the opinion that the return check charge should be \$5 instead of the proposed \$6 to more accurately reflect the cost incurred by Farmers.

After reviewing the evidence in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Farmers' miscellaneous fees and charges set out in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just and reasonable, and in the public interest and should be effective on and after the date of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates in the Appendix to this Order be and they hereby are authorized effective on and after the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Farmers shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of January, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

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ATTEST:

Secretary

## APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8894 DATED 1/16/84

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the date of this Order.

APPLICABLE: To all rate schedules.

SERVICE CHARGES - No charge will be made for the initial installation of service, or for a service replacing one which has been destroyed by fire, or if no trip is required. However, a service charge of \$15.00 will be made to a new occupant for the reconnecting or transferring of such service if trip is required. Service charge will be due and payable at time of connection or transfer or upon notice of said charge. Also, service calls made by the Cooperative pertaining to the consumer's premises shall be charged for on an actual cost basis per call. No service calls shall be made and no service shall be connected or reconnected after working hours unless there exists circumstances that will justify the additional expense.

METER TESTS - All meters shall be checked for accuracy before installation. The Cooperative shall, at its own expense, make periodic tests and inspections of its meters in order to maintain a high standard of accuracy and to conform with the regulations of the Public Service Commission. The Cooperative shall make additional tests of meters at the request of the member upon advance payment of a fee of \$15.00. Refunds on fast meters shall be made in accordance with PSC Rules and Regulations. See 807 KAR 5:006, Sections 9 (5), 19 and 20.

METER READING - Each member receiving service shall supply the Cooperative with monthly readings on such date as designated by the Cooperative. Upon failure by the member to supply the Cooperative with three consecutive meter readings, the Cooperative shall then read the meter and charge the member \$15.00 for the extra service rendered. In the event

an error in meter reading is made or member fails to return meter reading, the member shall pay an amount approximately equal to his average bill.

CONSUMER BILLING AND COLLECTING POLICY -

Electric energy bills are due and payable from first through fifteenth of each month after which the gross amount will be 10% higher, not to exceed \$5.00, on the unpaid amount. Failure to receive bill shall not release the obligation to pay.

A \$15.00 fee is to be collected on first call and on all subsequent calls for purposes of collecting delinquent accounts during regular working hours. Thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be collected for trips made other than during regular working hours.

A service charge of \$15.00 shall be applied to each reconnect requiring a trip.

A \$5.00 fee is to be collected when checks are returned from bank marked "Insufficient Funds." The drawer of said check is to be notified by letter and his service placed on the cut-off list along with other delinquent accounts and handled in the same manner as outlined above.

A deposit or suitable guarantee not exceeding two-twelfths (2/12) of the estimated annual bill may be required of any member or customer before electric service is supplied. These deposits shall accrue interest at 6% per annum. Upon termination of service, the deposit and accrued interest may be applied against unpaid bills, and the remainder of such balance shall be paid to the consumer.