COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

GREEN RIVER ELECTRIC CORPORATION) CASE NO. 9552 REQUEST FOR DEVIATION)

ORDER

By letter received April 2, 1986, Green River Electric Corporation ("Green River") requested a deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5), which requires each utility to initiate a program to read each revenue related meter on its system at least once during each calendar year. Green River requested the deviation for the following reasons:

- 1. A substantial majority of the meters on Green River's system are presently being read on an annual basis through the various compliance programs carried out by Green River.
- 2. Green River has a very low incidence of tampering or current diversion and a minimum number of meter registration problems.
- 3. The additional cost to administer a new program to ensure absolute compliance with the Commission's annual meter requirement will not increase the cooperative's revenues, decrease its energy losses, or substantially reduce the number of disputes involving member-consumers who read their own electric meters.
- 4. Compliance with the Commission regulation will add approximately \$29,000 to Green River's annual operation cost.

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

1. Since this is a new regulation, its actual effect upon Green River's costs and operations are not known; therefore, it would be premature, at this time, to grant a deviation from the regulation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The request by Green River for a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5), be denied without prejudice.
- 2. Green River shall maintain records of costs associated with compliance with this regulation so that if it appears justified, another application for a deviation may be made sometime after a year from the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of June, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST: