

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

OWEN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION REQUEST) CASE NO. 9574
FOR DEVIATION)

O R D E R

By letter received March 25, 1986, Owen County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Owen County") requested a deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5), which requires the utility to read its revenue related meters at least once each calendar year, and 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(1)(b), which requires a utility to maintain its meter test records for at least two periodic test periods or in no case less than two years. The Commission requested additional information and this was received June 25, 1986.

The deviation requested from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5), is to begin the compliance program in 1987 instead of 1986 in order to allow time for the acquisition and implementation of new hand-held meter reading and customer bill printing equipment.

The deviation requested from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(1)(b), is to allow the maintenance of only the most recent two meter test data results since the computer field only has space for two test information areas. In order to store additional meter test data it would be necessary to develop and acquire expensive new software.

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

1. The delay of one year in initiating the meter reading program by Owen County will not materially affect service to Owen County's customers and the implementation of the new meter reading and billing system should improve service and reduce costs; therefore the requested deviation should be approved.

2. The maintenance of the data from two meter tests should be sufficient to allow checking of the accuracy of the meter, and the additional costs required to allow the storage of additional test data in the computer would not be justified; therefore, the requested deviation should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The request for a deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5), as requested by Owen County, to initiate the meter reading program in 1987 instead of 1986 be and it hereby is approved.

2. The request for a deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(1)(b), as requested by Owen County to maintain test data from only the most recent two tests be and it hereby is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of July, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Hemmelf
Chairman

R. C. [Signature]
Vice Chairman

James W. [Signature]
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary