COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY )
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE )
CORPORATION FOR AN INCREASE ) CASE NO. 9617
IN RATES TO PLOW THROUGH )
WHOLESALE POWER COST INCREASE )

## ORDER

On August 8, 1986, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County") filed an application to flow through any increase in rates granted its wholesale power supplier, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), in Case No. 9613. Meade County did not request the approval of any additional revenues or margins in its flow through application.

Meade County is one of four member distribution cooperatives of Big Rivers. Based on the rates proposed by Big Rivers in Case No. 9613, Meade County requested an increase of \$1,865,157.31. The proposed increase would result in an overall increase of approximately 17.33 percent to Meade County consumers.

The matter was scheduled for hearing on January 12, 1987, at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. The hearing was conducted as scheduled and the Consumer Utility and Rate Intervention Division of the Attorney General's Office participated as an intervenor.

The Commission, after review of the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

- 1. The proposed increase by Big Rivers in Case No. 9613 was denied, which will result in no increase in purchased power costs to Meade County.
- 2. The issue of whether Meade County should be allowed to flow through any increase in its wholesale purchased power cost allowed in Case No. 9613 is moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- (1) The application by Meade County to flow through any increase in wholesale purchased power costs be and it hereby is denied.
- (2) The rates currently being charged by Meade County shall remain in effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of March, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Wice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director