COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FUEL) PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF KENTUCKY) CASE NO. 9631 UTILITIES COMPANY)

ORDER

On July 1, 1987, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed a Motion requesting that (1) the investigation to be conducted in this proceeding be limited to the prudency of KU's administration of two coal contracts after April 1982; (2) the investigation be held in abeyance pending the initial decision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. EL84-15-000, involving a fuel clause complaint filed by the Kentucky Municipal Wholesale Customers against KU; (3) no further consideration be given to the bids submitted by certain specified consultants based on the alleged bias and prejudice of the consultants; and (4) the consultant's role be redefined to protect KU's due process rights. KU further requests that a hearing be granted on its motion.

Based on KU's motion and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that KU and all parties should be afforded the opportunity to present oral argument on the issues set forth in KU's motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that oral argument on KU's motion be and it hereby is set for 2:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on July 27, 1987, at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that KU shall be afforded a maximum of 20 minutes and the other parties shall be afforded a total of 30 minutes.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of July, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Executive Director