COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A FORMAL REVIEW OF THE CURRENT)
STATUS OF TRIMBLE COUNTY UNIT NO. 1) CASE NO. 9934

ORDER

The June 2, 1986, Order of the Commission in Case No. 9243, An Investigation and Review of Louisville Gas and Electric Company's Capacity Expansion Study and the Need for Trimble County Unit No. 1, states at pages 6 and 7 "that in approximately one year a docket should be initiated by the Commission to allow for a formal review of the current status of the Trimble County plant." Approximately one year has transpired since the Order and the Commission believes it is now appropriate to initiate the formal review of the status of Louisville Gas and Electric Company's ("LG&E's") Trimble County Unit No. 1 ("Trimble County"). purpose of the review is to consider the most recent construction plans for Trimble County, the current load forecast and recent load experience, the timing of LG&E's financial commitments to meet its proposed completion date, any updated computer studies or analyses related to LG&E's capacity planning, as well as other relevant information.

Initiating this docket now will hopefully allow for hearings at the latest by the end of August. The Commission also wants to encourage participation by all interested parties. Accordingly,

this Order shall be sent to all parties of record in Case No. 9243. Also, in an effort to meet the Commission's goal of hearings by the end of August, an informal conference is being scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 1987, at 1:30 p.m, Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's conference room in Frankfort, Kentucky. At the conference, LG&E should be prepared to indicate the availability of the information described above and thus begin the discovery process. Also procedural matters should be discussed between LG&E, the parties and the Commission staff in order to determine a procedural schedule to allow for hearings this summer.

Recently the Commission has gathered information in Case No. 9855, Paddlewheel Alliance of Louisville and Utility Ratecutters of Kentucky, Inc., Complainants, v. Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Defendant. The issues in that case relate directly to this review. Therefore, it is reasonable to incorporate the record in Case No. 9855 into this case.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

- 1. A formal review of the current status of Trimble County should be established.
- 2. This Order should be sent to all parties of record in Case No. 9243 so they can determine their interest in participating in this review.
- 3. An informal conference to begin the discovery process and to discuss procedural matters should be scheduled for June 11, 1987, beginning at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's conference room in Frankfort, Kentucky.

4. The record in Case No. 9855 should be incorporated into this docket.

Accordingly, each of the above findings is HEREBY ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of May, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director