COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF INTER-COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO BORROW FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA \$2,030,000 AND FROM THE NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION \$896,907 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING EXISTING LINES AND FACILITIES AND FOR CONSTRUCTING) CASE NO. 10227 ADDITIONAL LINES AND FACILITIES; AND TO EXECUTE A MORTGAGE NOTE FOR \$2,030,000 PAYABLE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MORTGAGE NOTE FOR \$896,907 PAYABLE TO THE NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION SECURED BY A RESTATED MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

ORDER

Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Inter-County") filed its application on April 21, 1988 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct certain improvements and additions to its existing plant, for approval to borrow funds, and to execute its notes and mortgages to secure such loan. The Commission requested additional information by Order dated May 4, 1988. Its response was filed on May 10, 1988. These improvements and additions, as more specifically described in the application and record, are estimated to cost \$2,900,000, and will be financed by a loan of \$2,030,000 from the Rural Electrification Administration ("REA")

and a loan of \$896,907 from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC").

FINDINGS AND ORDERS

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

- 1. Public convenience and necessity require the construction by Inter-County of the improvements and additions to its existing plant as described in the application and record, and that a certificate should be granted.
- 2. The proposed borrowing from CFC is for lawful objects within the corporate purposes of Inter-County, is necessary and appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance by Inter-County of its service to the public, and will not impair its ability to perform that service.
- 3. Inter-County is capable of executing its notes as security for the loan as stated herein.
- 4. Inter-County should utilize the interest rate program which will result in the net lowest cost of money to Inter-County over the term of the financing.
- 5. Inter-County should notify the Commission of the interest rate option elected for financing approved herein along with a statement as to the basis for the decision.
- 6. The proceeds from the proposed borrowing should be used only for the lawful purposes set out in the application and record.

- 7. Inter-County should file, along with its monthly financial report to the Commission, the current interest rate on its variable rate loans outstanding.
- 8. As the issuance of securities or evidences of indebtedness subject to the control of a federal governmental agency does not require Commission approval, KRS 278.300(10), and as the REA is an agency of the federal government, no action of Inter-County's proposed loans from the REA is required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Inter-County be and it hereby is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to proceed with the construction and additions as set forth in the application and record.
- \$896,907 from CPC for a 35-year period and bearing either a fixed or variable interest rate, as chosen by Inter-County at the time the first monies are drawn from CPC, subject to the provisions and terms of the application with respect to renegotiation of the interest rate.
- 3. Inter-County be and it hereby is authorized to execute its notes as security for the loan herein authorized.
- 4. Inter-County shall comply with all matters set out in Findings 4 through 7 as if it was individually so ordered.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed a warranty or finding of value of securities or financing authorized herein on the part of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or any agency thereof.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of May, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Executive Director