COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF ELECTRIC)
RATES OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY) CASE NO. 91-066

ORDER

On May 16, 1991, Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power") filed a motion requesting that the May 24, 1991 deadline for filing responses to initial data requests be extended to June 7, 1991. In support of its motion, Kentucky Power states that it is in the process of responding to the approximately 1,300 requests information, including subparts, but cannot possibly complete and file all responses by May 24, 1991. Despite requesting a two week delay, Kentucky Power indicates that it has begun preparing its responses and will file them as they become available. In its motion, Kentucky Power made no offer to extend the suspension period by an additional two weeks. Kentucky Power, by cover letter also filed on May 16, 1991, proposed modifying the procedural schedule previously established for this case. The proposed modifications would maintain the scheduled hearing date of August 6, 1991, by reducing the time allotted for the remaining steps in the discovery phase of the case.

On May 20, 1991, the Attorney General, by and through his Utility and Rate Intervention Division ("AG"), filed a response to Kentucky Power's motion for an extension of time. The AG had no

objection to Kentucky Power's proposed extension, to June 7, 1991, for filing its responses to initial data requests; however, the AG did object to Kentucky Power's proposed modification to the procedural schedule on the grounds that the modification compresses the dates for the taking of various procedural steps. The AG proposed that any modification to the procedural schedule should move all dates back at least two weeks and that intervenors should be allowed three weeks after the receipt of Kentucky Power's supplemental responses in which to file testimony. On May 22, 1991, Low Income Residential Customers filed a response stating that it had no objection to Kentucky Power's proposed extension so long as the procedural schedule was moved back at least two weeks.

Based on the motion and responses, and being sufficiently advised, the Commission hereby finds that good cause has been shown to grant Kentucky Power an extension for responses to initial data requests. In consideration of the five month suspension period and the need to process this case in a timely manner, the Commission will only allow an extension to June 5, 1991. After reviewing its docket and case schedule for the upcoming months, the Commission, by separate Order, will rule on the proposed modifications to the procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky Power's motion be and it hereby is granted to the extent that responses to information requests shall be due on June 5, 1991.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to the Commission's Order dated April 17, 1991 will be amended at a later date by separate Order of the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of May, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR