

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF INTER COUNTY RURAL)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR) CASE NO. 95-498
A WAIVER OF 807 KAR 5:006, SECTION 6)

O R D E R

By letter dated October 18, 1995, Inter County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Inter County RECC") requested a waiver of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5). This regulation requires each utility using customer-read meter information to read each revenue related meter on its system at least once during each calendar year. The Commission is treating this request as a request for deviation pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 27.

In support of its request, Inter County RECC indicated that it will begin monthly meter readings beginning very early in 1996, with the first reading to be completed by February or April 1996. It noted that its last reading period was in the fourth quarter of 1994, at a cost of \$39,037. These readings were made by construction and service personnel. Presumably similar costs would be incurred if these employes were to read meters in 1995, whereas the cost for meter readings taken by meter reading personnel would be somewhat less.

Inter County RECC also noted that it normally adjusts bills for discrepancies between customer and utility readings. Inter County RECC feels that billing adjustments occurring in the last

quarter of 1995 followed by billing adjustments in the first quarter of 1996 would be confusing to its customers.

The Commission concurs with Inter County RECC that potential customer confusion from back-to-back billing adjustment is undesirable, and therefore its request for deviation is reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Inter County RECC's request for deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5) is granted.
2. Inter County RECC shall read all customer meters by April 30, 1996.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of November, 1995.

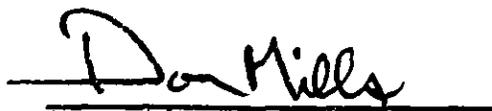
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