

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A REVIEW PURSUANT TO)	
807 KAR 5:058 OF THE 1996)	
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN OF)	CASE NO. 96-173
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY)	

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed April 23, 1996 pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7 for confidential protection of the projected power production costs and the projected rates and revenue requirements included in the company's 1996 Integrated Resource Plan ("1996 IRP") on the grounds that disclosure of the information is likely to cause KU competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

Pursuant to Section 2(1)(a)1 of 807 KAR 5:058 KU has filed its 1996 IRP for review. Among the items contained in the 1996 IRP are projected power production costs and projected rates and revenue requirements. By this petition, KU seeks to protect these projections as confidential.

The projections sought to be protected are for the period of 1996 through 2010 and were developed internally by KU personnel. The information is not on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission or other public agencies, and is not available from any commercial or other source outside KU. Distribution of the information within KU is limited

to those employees who have a business reason to have access to the information.

Recent legal and regulatory developments and changes have created a competitive wholesale power market in which KU participates. Competitors in the market include other power generators, as well as marketers, brokers and clearing houses. Disclosure of the projected power production costs would provide KU's competitors with the minimum price KU could charge for bulk and off system sales. Competitors could use this information in marketing their own power to the detriment of KU and, therefore, the projected power production costs have competitive value and are entitled to protection.

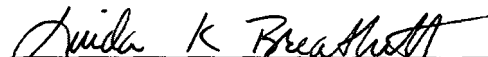
Disclosure of the projected sales prices and revenue requirements would also benefit KU's competitors. Competitors could use the information to underbid KU or submit maximum bids in comparison to KU's bids for the sale of wholesale power. Therefore, disclosure of the projected sales prices and revenue requirements would have a detrimental effect upon KU and the information should be protected as confidential.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the projected power production costs and the projected sales prices and revenue requirements filed as part of KU's 1996 IRP, which KU has petitioned to be withheld from public disclosure, shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be opened for public inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of May, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director