

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN OF THE) CASE NO.
UNION LIGHT HEAT AND POWER COMPANY) 97-318

O R D E R

The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") has moved for suspension of its obligation to file an Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") in 1997 or, in the alternative, for waivers from specific provisions of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:058. Having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that it lacks the authority to indefinitely suspend a utility's obligation to file an IRP and, therefore, ULH&P's motion should be denied.

The Commission further finds that dynamic and profound changes are occurring in the electric industry. These changes and proposed changes in federal and state statutes may significantly lessen the value of the IRP process. The submission of an IRP before the full impact of these changes can be assessed is not in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission finds that, pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:058, Section 2(c), good cause exists to postpone for a period of one year ULH&P's required filing of an IRP.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. ULH&P's motion to indefinitely suspend its obligation to file an IRP is denied.

2. ULH&P shall file an IRP in accordance with Administrative Regulation 807
KAR 5:058 no later than October 21, 1998.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of September, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director