COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE 2000 INTEGRATED RESOURCE) PLAN OF THE EAST KENTUCKY) CASE NO. 2000-044 POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.)

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter arises upon the motion of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources, Division of Energy ("DOE"), filed October 12, 2000, for full intervention. It appears to the Commission that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. The Commission also recognizes that a procedural schedule was established in this proceeding by Order dated August 4, 2000. The Commission, being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that the DOE should be granted full rights of a party in this proceeding and should accept the procedural schedule as it now stands.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The motion of the DOE to intervene is granted, and the DOE shall accept the existing procedural schedule.

2. The DOE shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order. 3. Should the DOE file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, it shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of October, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director