COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE 2002 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING REPORT OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY D/B/A AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE NO. 2002-00377

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<u>ORDER</u>

On February 18, 2003, Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power (KPCO), filed a motion to stay further proceedings in this case until a determination is made as to whether KPCO will become a member of a three-member power pool or will remain a member of a five-member power pool. Proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), together with electric restructuring involving the American Electric Power (AEP) companies operating in Ohio, caused KPCO to expect, at the time it prepared its 2002 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), that it would become part of a three-member power pool. Consequently, many of the planning provisions contained in the IRP are based on the assumption that it would be part of a three-member pool and no longer be part of a five-member pool.

Although 6 months have passed since FERC authorized the change from a fivemember to a three-member pool, no action has been taken by the SEC. Accordingly, AEP is considering the potential continuation of the existing five-member pool arrangement, but no final decision has been reached. Under these circumstances, KPCO states that it would not be productive to continue this case under the current procedural schedule.

KPCO requests that this IRP review be held in abeyance until there is more certainty regarding the status of the AEP pool. If a three-member pool is created, only the procedural schedule will need to be revised to resume this review. Alternatively, if the existing five-member pool is retained, KPCO will need to revise its IRP and the procedural schedule will need to be modified accordingly.

The Commission, having considered the motion, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds good cause to hold this case in abeyance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that KPCO's motion to stay this proceeding and hold this case in abeyance is granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of March, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director