COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY S PLAN TO)
ADDRESS THE FUTURE OF THE MERGER)
SURCREDIT APPROVED BY THE KENTUCKY) CASE NO. 2002-00429
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE)
NO. 1997-00300	j

<u>ORDER</u>

On January 13, 2003, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) filed an application, pursuant to KRS 278.183, seeking approval of a plan to address the future of the merger surcredits approved by the Commission in Case No. 1997-00300. KU included with its application a proposed surcharge tariff with an effective date of July 1, 2003.

The Commission finds that further proceedings are necessary to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed plan and surcharge tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.
- 2. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately indexed. Any request for information by the Commission Staff shall be responded to as if set forth in a Commission Order. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 6 copies to the Commission.
- 3. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 9 copies. The original and at least 3 copies of the testimony shall be filed as follows:

¹ Case No. 1997-00300, Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for Approval of a Merger, Order dated September 12, 1997.

a. Together with cover letter listing each person presenting testimony.

b. Bound in 3-ring binders or with any other fastener which readily

opens and closes to facilitate easy copying.

c. Each witness s testimony should be tabbed.

d. Every exhibit to each witness's testimony should be appropriately

marked.

4. KU shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set

out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, KU shall

forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

5. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor

summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

6. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be

made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of compelling reasons.

7. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering

further Orders in this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of February, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00429 DATED February 20, 2003

Initial data requests to KU shall be filed no later than
KU shall file responses to initial data requests no later than
Supplemental data requests to KU shall be filed no later than
KU shall file responses to supplemental data requests no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed in verified prepared form no later than
Data requests to Intervenors shall be filed no later than
Intervenors shall file responses to supplemental data requests no later than
Public Hearing for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses and intervenors