

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF OWEN ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ORDER ISSUING)	CASE NO.
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	2002-00454
AND NECESSITY		

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Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Owen) filed its application on December 3, 2002 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct certain improvements and additions to its existing plant at an estimated cost of \$21,676,127. In support of its application, Owen filed its 2003-2004 Work Plan which describes in detail the improvements and additions to its plant that are required over the next 2 years to serve its load.

Owen seeks authorization to construct extensions and additions to its plant as follows:

1.	OH Line Extensions	\$ 2,321,000
2.	UG Line Extensions	3,740,386
3.	Large Commercial Extensions	465,625
4.	System Improvements	3,401,104
5.	Meters and Transformers	2,072,256
6.	Service Upgrades/Change Outs	121,176
7.	Sectionalizing	43,000
8.	Voltage Regulators	19,500
9.	Pole Change Outs	770,000
10.	Step Up/Down Transformers	25,000
11.	Area Lights/Street-Lighting	505,680
12.	Office/Warehouse Building ¹	<u>8,191,400</u>
	TOTAL	\$21,676,127

¹ See Case No. 2002-00175, The Application of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. for an Order Issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The Commission granted a certificate for this office building on August 1, 2002.

The proposed construction will enable Owen to continue to provide adequate and dependable electric service to its customers. The system improvements recommended in this Work Plan will not duplicate existing facilities and are needed to correct voltage problems, improve phase balance, and provide for improved service reliability.

Based on the application and supporting 2003-2004 Work Plan, and being advised, the Commission finds that the proposed improvements and additions to be constructed by Owen are necessary to provide adequate, reliable electric service to existing customers and anticipated new customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Owen is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the facilities described in its 2003-2004 Work Plan.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of April, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director