COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN ROWAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

CASE NO. 2005-00089

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<u>ORDER</u>

On April 21, 2005, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East Kentucky") filed an application for approval of the construction of a transmission line in Rowan County, Kentucky. Pursuant to KRS 278.020(8), "The commission shall issue its decision no later than ninety (90) days after the application is filed, unless the commission extends this period for good cause, to one hundred twenty (120) days."

The Commission finds that such an extension is warranted in this case. The Commission has employed the services of a consulting firm to issue a report on the need for the line, and all parties should have time to review it. Moreover, the line runs through the Daniel Boone National Forest, where it has already generated significant opposition, and the Commission expects that opposition to continue in this certificate proceeding. For these reasons, the Commission finds that the time period in which it must issue a decision in this case should be extended to 120 days.

On May 3, 2005, the Commission issued a preliminary procedural Order setting the date for requests for intervention and a local hearing. The Commission now issues the attached procedural schedule based on this extended time period.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The time period in which the Commission must issue its decision in this case is extended to 120 days.

2. The attached procedural schedule shall be followed in this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of May, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2005-00089 DATED May 5, 2005

| Application filed | April 21, 2005 |
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| Any motion to intervene shall be filed with the Commission no later than | May 23, 2005 |
| Any request for a public hearing shall be filed no later than | May 23, 2005 |
| Staff consultant shall file report on application no later than | June 10, 2005 |
| Intervenors and Staff may file data requests on the application, and Applicant and Intervenors may file data requests on consultant's report no later than | June 17, 2005 |
| Responses to June 17, 2005 data requests are due no later than | June 24, 2005 |
| Parties shall file direct testimony, if any, no later than | July 1, 2005 |
| Public hearing (time and location to be determined) for the purpose of hearing local public testimony | (to be scheduled) |
| Public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 at the offices of the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses | (to be scheduled) |
| Decision due no later than | August 19, 2005 |