## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF OWEN ELECTRIC	)
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ORDER	)
PURSUANT TO KRS 278.300 AND 807 KAR	CASE NO. 2009-00010
5:001, SECTION 11 AND RELATED SECTIONS,	
AUTHORIZING THE COOPERATIVE TO	
OBTAIN A LOAN UNDER THE RUS/COBANK	
CO-LENDING PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED	
\$28,083,000 AT ANY ONE TIME FROM RURAL	
UTILITY SERVICE AND COBANK	)

## **ORDER**

Owen Electric Cooperative Inc. ("Owen") submitted its application seeking Commission approval to obtain a loan under the Rural Utilities Services/CoBank Co-Lending<sup>1</sup> program not to exceed \$28,083,000. It intends to use the proceeds from the loan to fund its current construction work plan.<sup>2</sup>

KRS 278.020(4) requires the Commission to render a decision regarding a utility's request to issue securities or to obtain financing within 60 days, unless it is necessary for good cause to continue the application for a longer time. The Commission has concerns regarding Owen's 2008-2009 construction work plan that need to be addressed prior to issuing a decision regarding Owen's proposed CoBank

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Per KRS 278.300(10), the \$7,000,000 CoBank loan is the only debt that requires prior Commission authorization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> February 9, 2009 filing.

loan. For this reason, the Commission finds that good cause exists to continue the application for approval of financing for a period longer than 60 days.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Owen's application for approval of its financing is continued beyond the 60-day period.

By the Commission

**ENTERED** 

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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