COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF SHELBY ENERGY COOPERATIVE,)CASE NO.INC. FOR A TEMPORARY DEVIATION FROM ITS)2010-00331SAMPLE METER TESTING PLAN)

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter arises upon the motion filed by Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Shelby Energy") on December 27, 2010, in which it requests that the Commission hold in abeyance any requirement that Shelby Energy conduct sample meter testing on the existing single-phase meters that it is removing from service under its Advanced Meter Infrastructure ("AMI") replacement program until the Commission issues a final ruling in this case. Shelby Energy further requests that the Commission issue a ruling on its motion before January 1, 2011.

In support of its motion, Shelby Energy states that, if it is not granted the requested relief, it will either have to go forward with sample meter testing at an estimated cost of \$13,000 or it will be in violation of the sample meter testing program previously approved by the Commission in Case No. 2005-00276.¹ Shelby Energy states in its motion that it is already testing all of its existing single-phase meters as they

¹ Case No. 2005-00276, Joint Application of Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corp., Kentucky Power Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc., Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc. and The Union Light, Heat and Power Company for Approval of a Pilot Meter Testing Plan Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:041, Sections 13, 15, 16, 17 and 22 (Ky. PSC Nov. 10, 2005).

are being replaced. Shelby Energy states that it would be a waste of money and resources if it were required to test those same meters under its sample meter testing program.

Having reviewed Shelby Energy's December 27, 2010 motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds as follows:

Because Shelby Energy is testing all of its existing single-phase meters as they are being replaced under its AMI replacement program, good cause exists to grant Shelby Energy's request to hold in abeyance the requirement under its previously approved program that Shelby Energy conduct sample meter testing on the existing single-phase meters it is removing from service, until the Commission issues a final ruling in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Shelby Energy's request to hold in abeyance any requirement to conduct sample meter testing on the existing single-phase meters it is removing from service under its AMI replacement program is granted.

2. Shelby Energy shall not be required to conduct sample meter testing on any of the existing single-phase meters it is removing from service under its AMI replacement program unless and until the Commission orders Shelby Energy to conduct such sample meter testing in its final ruling in this case.

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By the Commission



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