

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE REQUEST OF BEREA COLLEGE)
ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT, FOR) CASE NO. 7573
AN EXEMPTION FROM 807 KAR 50:015)

O R D E R

On April 18, 1979, Mr. Don Bewley, Utilities Administrator, Berea College Electric and Water Utility Departments, filed a letter with the Commission on behalf of the Electric Utility Department requesting an exemption from the requirements of the budget billing plan included in 807 KAR 50:015(11).

The Commission decided to treat this letter as an application to deviate from the provisions of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 50:015(11); therefore, the matter was assigned Case No. 7433 and was set for hearing on the 9th day of May, 1979, at the Commission's office in Frankfort, Kentucky. At the conclusion of the hearing, at which there appeared no party of interest other than the Applicant, the matter was submitted to the Commission for final determination.

By Order dated June 26, 1979, in Case No. 7433 Berea College Electric Utility Department was granted an exemption for four (4) months or until October 26, 1979, in order to make arrangements, either in house or with another firm, to implement a budget billing plan.

Thereafter, on September 24, 1979, the Applicant notified the Commission that due to conditions beyond its control it would be unable to implement a budget billing plan by October 26, 1979. The Applicant further requested an additional six months of time. The Commission decided to treat this letter as a new application to deviate from the provisions of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 50:015(11).

The Commission, having considered the application, having reviewed the record in both Case No. 7433 and Case No. 7573, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

(1) The Applicant did indeed make "good faith" efforts to comply within the four (4) months exemption granted in Case No. 7433.

(2) The Applicant serves approximately 3,200 customers who would be eligible for any budget plan instituted by Applicant.

(3) Manual accounting for the possible volume of customers to apply for budget billing would be an undue burden upon the Applicant.

(4) The Applicant is currently negotiating with Western Kentucky Gas to handle its billing or provide technical assistance to set up the program.

(5) This Commission, in Case No. 7577, has granted Western Kentucky Gas an extension of time until June 1, 1980, to implement its budget billing plan.

(6) As Berea College Electric Utility Department is dependent upon Western Kentucky Gas for technical assistance, it should also be granted an extension of time until June 1, 1980.

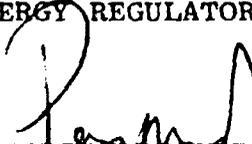
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Applicant is granted an extension of time until June 1, 1980, to implement its budget billing plan required by 807 KAR 50:015(11).

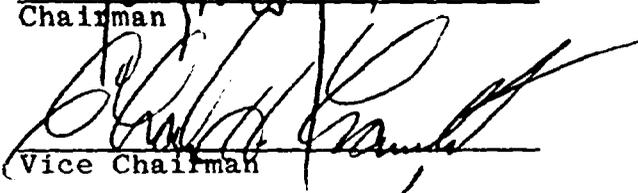
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Applicant file with this Commission, no later than April 1, 1980, its plan for budget billing in compliance with 807 KAR 50:015(11).

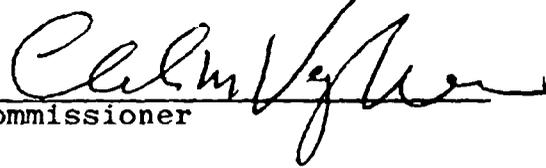
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Company receives no notice from the Commission that said plan is disapproved, the Company shall make known to its customers the availability of its plan and place said plan in full operation no later than June 1, 1980.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the 6th day of February, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary