

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION SER- ) CASE NO. 7879  
VICE PLAN FOR KENTUCKY UNDER )  
THE NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVA- )  
TION POLICY ACT OF 1978 )

RECOMMENDATION RE REQUEST OF  
GREEN RIVER ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR A  
TEMPORARY PROGRAM UNDER THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION  
POLICY ACT OF 1978

Green River Electric Corporation of Owensboro, Kentucky (Green River), has applied for a temporary exemption from the requirements of Section 215, National Energy Conservation Policy Act, P.L. 95-619 (the Act) for a period not to exceed three years. The Commission has considered the application of Green River and its statements in support of its application made at the June 3, 1980, hearing in this matter.

Green River is a rural electric distribution cooperative which serves some 21,315 consumers in a nine county area of rural western Kentucky. Among its consumers are three large, energy-intensive industries which are served under special contracts. These industries are served directly from the transmission lines of Green River's wholesale power supplier, and each provides its own transformation facilities. Of Green River's 3.8 billion kWh sales in 1979, 3.48 billion kWh were sold to these large industries. Only 242.3 million kWh (6.4% of total kWh sales) were sold to residential consumers. However, sales to the large industrial consumers are included in the calculation of kWh sales for purposes of determining coverage under the Act, Section 211.

Green River currently has an energy conservation program which was created in response to the mandate of the Rural Electrification Administration in its Bulletin 20-2, as supplemented. Green River has requested that the REA program as implemented by Green River be approved as a temporary program for a period of three years to provide Green River, a very small utility, sufficient opportunity to prepare to meet the full requirements of the Act and to coordinate those requirements with its overlapping energy conservation obligation to REA.

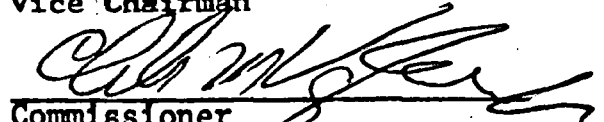
We find that the energy conservation program outlined in the request of Green River adequately addresses the requirements of the Act on a temporary basis. We therefore recommend that the Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Energy approve the temporary exemption proposed by Green River for a period of three years beginning with the date of approval of the exemption, in accordance with the provisions of Section 218 of the Act.

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

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary