COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUST-MENT CLAUSE OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1982, TO APRIL 30, 1983

CASE NO. 8589-A

ORDER

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Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:056, Section 1(11), the Commission issued its Order on July 1, 1983, scheduling a hearing and requiring Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power") to provide a record of scheduled, actual and forced outages.

Kentucky Power provided the data requested by the Commission's Order of July 1, 1983. Kentucky Power also filed its monthly fuel adjustment filings for the 6-month period under review. Following proper notice, a hearing was held on September 2, 1983.

The sole intervenor in this case was the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office ("AG"). The AG did not offer testimony and on cross-examination did not challenge the level of actual fuel cost included in Kentucky Power's monthly fuel filings.

In its Order issued on June 8, 1983, the Commission fixed Kentucky Power's base fuel cost at 17.40 mills per KWH. The

Commission's review of Kentucky Power's monthly fuel clause filings shows that the actual fuel cost incurred for the 6-month period under review ranged from a low of 15.37 mills in April 1983 to a high of 16.93 mills in December 1982. The Commission's review of the record in this case, the coal market conditions during this period and the data filed in support of the fuel adjustment clause rates indicate that the actual fuel costs included in the monthly fuel adjustment clause filing were reasonable. Based on an analysis of the entire record in this matter, the Commission is of the opinion that Kentucky Power has complied with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:056.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Kentucky Power has complied in all material respects with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:056.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the charges collected by Kentucky Power through the fuel adjustment clause for the period November 1, 1982, through April 30, 1983, be and they hereby are approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of October, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary