COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF ELECTRIC RATES OF THE) UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY) CASE NO. 8850

ORDER

On June 29, 1983, the Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for electric service rendered on and after the 19th day of July, 1983. The filing contains two sets of proposed rates, Phase I and Phase II, to track the proposed increase in the wholesale electric rate to ULH&P by the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company ("CG&E") in a pending proceeding before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

CG&E's application before the FERC proposes a two phase wholesale electric rate increase to ULH&P, Phase I to be effective July 19, 1983, and Phase II to be effective five months thereafter. On July 13, 1983, the FERC decided to suspend CG&E's proposed Phase I and Phase II rates for five months to be effective December 20, 1983.

ULH&P has requested that the Commission authorize its proposed Phase I and Phase II rates to become effective coincidentally with CG&E's proposed Phase I and Phase II rates to ULH&P. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five months on and after the 19th day of July, 1983.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing be and it hereby is scheduled to commence on October 4, 1983, at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of ULH&P, cross-examination of witnesses of intervenors, and the presentation of rebuttal testimony, if any, by ULH&P.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that where notice of the hearing pursuant to KRS 424.300 is published by ULH&P in a newspaper, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the areas that will be affected one time not less than seven nor more than twenty-one days prior to the hearing giving the purpose, time, place and date of hearing.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of July, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman _____

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary