COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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, 1983

TO APRIL 30, 1984

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ORDER

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:056, Section 1(11), the Commission issued its Order on June 11, 1984, scheduling a hearing and requiring Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power") to provide a list of affiliated coal suppliers, a record of scheduled, actual and forced outages, and a calculation of over- or under-recovery of fuel costs for the 6-month period under review.

Kentucky Power provided the data requested by the Commission's Order of June 11, 1984. Kentucky Power also filed its monthly fuel adjustment filings for the 6-month period under review. Following proper notice, a hearing was held on August 2, 1984.

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 15.67 mills in March 1984 to a high of 18.26 mills in January 1984. 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.

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, 1983, through April 30, 1984, be and they hereby are approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of October, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. / Semenghi Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

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