

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CLARK RURAL)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)
FOR PERMISSION TO DEVIATE FROM) CASE NO. 9979
THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 807 KAR)
5:006, SECTION 6(5))

O R D E R

By application received July 27, 1987, Clark Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Clark") requested authorization to deviate from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5), which requires each utility to initiate a program to read each revenue related meter at least once each calendar year.

Clark stated in its application that the meter reading program can be a productive program if the mandated frequency is changed from one year to three years. Clark feels that a three-year meter reading program will prove more cost beneficial. Also in its application, Clark provided its record for its one-year meter reading program. This one-year meter reading program resulted in Clark collecting approximately \$7,650 more in billing corrections than was spent on the meter reading program. However, Clark provided meter reading data for only one year.

A data request was sent to Clark by the Commission on August 20, 1987. Item 6 of that request asked for meter reading data for the years 1979 through 1985. Clark's response, filed August 27, 1987, was, "The information requested in this item is

not available. Records were kept for 1986 and were submitted with the original application."

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

1. Clark, upon initiation of its one-year meter reading program in 1986, has collected approximately \$7,650 more than the cost of the program.

2. Clark did not maintain adequate records of its annual meter reading program. Its records were not typed, did not break down its results into known geographic subdivisions, and did not list by geographical subdivision such factors as total deviations, additional KWH billed, or additional revenues generated.

3. Clark lacks any historical meter reading data for the years 1979 through 1985.

4. Clark should continue its meter reading program on an annual basis so as to establish sufficient historical data for a proper assessment of the program. Historical data for a three-year period is necessary for such an assessment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. The request by Clark for a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(5), be denied without prejudice.

2. Clark shall keep adequate records on its meter reading program in its offices and shall ensure this information is available to the Commission staff and customers requesting it.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of October, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director