

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES)
COMPANY FOR DEVIATION FROM 807 KAR) CASE NO. 89-157
5:006, SECTION 15(2) REGARDING METER)
TEST RECORDS)

O R D E R

On June 12, 1989, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed an application seeking Commission approval to deviate from that portion of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(2), which requires keeping a continuous meter premise history of all meters for their lifetime. This regulation requires a utility to maintain the name and address of each customer on whose premises the meter has been in service, with date of installation and removal, for the entire life of each meter. In addition, an electric utility must comply with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 13(1), which states in part that all electric meters shall be tested and adjusted as close as possible to the optimum tolerance, before being installed for the use of any customer.

KU's application states that when a meter is initially acquired, it is tested and calibrated. Furthermore, upon removal and re-installation, a meter is tested and re-calibrated. If a meter is found to be outside the tolerances established by 807 KAR 5:041, Section 16 or 17, the appropriate refund or back-billing is

made as required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9, or 807 KAR 5:041, Section 16 or 17. KU has requested the deviation because its new computerized meter inventory system would require substantial re-programming and considerable cost in order to adapt the system to accommodate a lifetime meter premise history. However, the current and most recent previous premise address of a meter is available in KU's system.

On August 2, 1989, the Commission ordered KU to file additional information to support its application. KU filed its response on August 24, 1989.

FINDINGS AND ORDER

Based on the evidence of record and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that:

1. The requested deviation is solely with respect to the continuous meter history location record. It is not with respect to any meter data or meter test records.

2. With the initial testing and calibrating of each meter, and re-testing and re-calibrating upon each removal and re-installation, any possible required back-billing and/or refund will be made at that time as required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9, or 807 KAR 5:041, Section 16 or 17.

3. According to KU's response to the Commission's information request, the estimated cost for re-programming KU's meter inventory system is \$18,700. In addition, KU estimated the

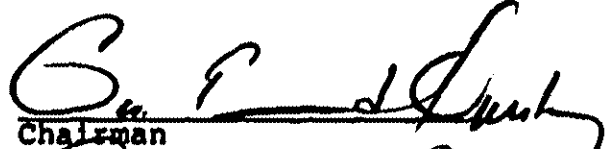
cost of data processing disk space to be \$12,250 per year and labor support to be \$11,000 per year for maintaining the continuous meter history location record. The ratepayers will benefit through the cost savings resulting from the granting of this deviation.

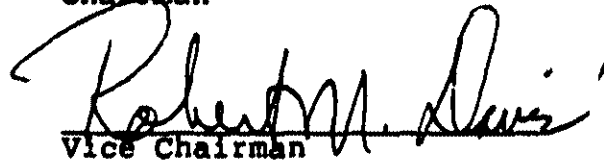
4. Maintaining the premise information of a meter, prior to the second most recent test, does not serve any useful purpose.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that KU's request for a deviation from that portion of the 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(2), with respect to keeping meter premise history for the life of meters, be and it hereby is granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of September, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director