

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)	
)	
and)	
)	CASE NO.
BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.)	89-257
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_____)	
)	
ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH)	
COMMISSION REGULATIONS)	

O R D E R

This matter arising upon the motion of Brandenburg Telephone Company ("Brandenburg") for authorization for its representatives to attend an informal conference which is scheduled on November 28, 1989 between Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County") and Commission Staff, it appearing to the Commission as follows:

Commission Staff has scheduled informal conferences with Meade County and Brandenburg on November 28 and November 29, 1989, respectively. It has sought to limit attendance at each conference to the invited utility's representatives only. Representatives of both utilities would not be allowed to attend the same conference.

Brandenburg seeks authorization to attend the conference scheduled between Meade County and Commission Staff. It alleges that its ability to intelligently participate in its own

conference with Commission Staff depends in great part on its attendance at the other conference. It states that it was neither aware nor informed of the accident in question until this case was initiated. Unlike Meade County, it was not involved in the initial investigation of that accident. Therefore, the information provided at the conference between Meade County and Commission Staff, Brandenburg asserts, will greatly assist its preparations for its own conference with Commission Staff.

Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(4) governs informal conferences. It does not expressly provide for the exclusion of a party from such conferences. The Commission believes that parties may be excluded from informal conferences, but only where exceptional circumstances exist. Such circumstances are not present here.



IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Brandenburg's motion is granted.
2. The parties may attend both informal conferences scheduled in this matter. Any restrictions on a party's right to attend these conferences are hereby rescinded.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of November, 1989.

ATTEST:

Executive Director

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner