## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION (1) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.020(1) AND 807 KAR 5:001, SECTION 9 AND RELATED SECTIONS, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

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## <u>O R D E R</u>

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County") filed its application on November 30, 1995 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct certain improvements and additions to its existing plant at a cost of \$10,989,592. In support of its application, Meade County filed its 1995-1999 Work Plan which describes in detail the improvements and additions to its plant that are required over the next 4 years to serve its load.

Meade County seeks authorization to construct extensions and additions to its plant as follows:

1.	Consumer line construction	\$ 3,914,131
2.	Distribution line conversions	346,539
3.	New substation	542,163
4.	Substation improvements	21,424
5.	Miscellaneous dist. equipment	5,717,452
6.	Security lights	447,883
	Total	\$10,989,592

The proposed construction will enable Meade County to continue to provide adequate and dependable electric service to its consumers. The system improvements recommended in this Work Plan will not duplicate existing facilities and are needed to correct voltage problems, improve phase balance, and provide for improved service reliability.

Meade County indicated that it planned to use general funds and borrow the remaining funds from the Rural Utilities Service and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation to finance these projects.

Based on the application and supporting 1995-1999 Work Plan, and being advised, the Commission finds that the proposed improvements and additions to be constructed by Meade County are necessary to provide adequate, reliable electric service to existing customers and anticipated new customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Meade County be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the facilities described in its 1995-1999 Work Plan.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of May, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST: