

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF TAYLOR COUNTY RURAL)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)	CASE NO. 97-124
FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)	

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Taylor County") shall file the original and 12 copies of the following information with the Commission by September 16, 1997 with a copy to all parties of record. Each copy of the information requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure its legibility. Where the requested information has previously been provided in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this Order.

1. Refer to Taylor County's Response to the Commission's Order of June 23, 1997, Item 28(h).

a. Why did Taylor County's payroll for the maintenance of overhead lines increase by \$24,066 during the test period over the previous period? Provide all

documentary evidence, including internal memoranda, correspondence, and studies which support the increase in payroll for this purpose.

b. Why did Taylor County's contract tree trimming expenses increase by \$79,849 during the test period over the previous period? Provide all documentary evidence, including internal memoranda, correspondence, and studies which support the increase in this expense.

2. a. How does Taylor County award its contract for tree trimming?

b. If a bidding process is used, list all bidders and their respective bids.

If the lowest bid was not selected, explain why not.

c. If the contract was not awarded through a bidding process, why not?

3. During the test period, Taylor County increased its right-of-way spraying by \$59,320.

a. How did Taylor County control the growth of vegetation in its right-of-way prior to its increase in spraying? What was the cost of this method?

b. What savings, if any, did Taylor County realize from its increased use of spraying over its past practice? If savings were realized, state where these savings are reflected in Taylor County's application.

c. If Taylor County did not realize any savings from its increased use of spraying, explain why Taylor County intends to continue spraying its rights-of-way at test period levels.

4. Refer to Taylor County's Response to the Commission's Order of June 23, 1997, Item 46. The Commission is unable to locate the diskette previously provided.

Provide the information contained in Taylor County's Application, Exhibit R, in Lotus format on a 3.5-inch computer diskette.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of September, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director