

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES)
COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL)
PROTECTION OF CERTAIN) CASE NO. 97-197
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BARGE)
TRANSPORTATION AND COAL)
PURCHASE CONTRACTS)

O R D E R

On June 18, 1997, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed a Petition for Rehearing regarding an Order entered by the Commission on May 29, 1997, which had denied KU's request to protect as confidential certain barge transportation and rate agreements it had filed with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Fuel Adjustment Clause. In its Petition, KU requested that the Commission grant rehearing and either grant the confidential protection earlier requested or schedule an evidentiary hearing in the matter. KU also requested that the confidential treatment afforded the information at issue be extended during the pendency of the Petition or, should it be denied, for 20 days following the denial.

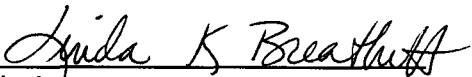
KU having shown good cause, and the Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. KU's request for rehearing is granted.
2. A formal hearing shall be held in this matter on August 13, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.


3. Pending a final decision by the Commission in this matter, the information for which KU seeks confidential treatment shall be held and retained by the Commission as confidential and shall not be open to the public for inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of July, 1997

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:



Executive Director