COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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APPLICATION OF NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC) COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY) TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$1,977,000.00 FROM THE) CASE NO. NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE) 97-280 CORPORATION, AND TO EXECUTE A NOTE FOR SAID) AMOUNT AND MORTGAGE SECURING SUCH NOTE)

<u>order</u>

IT IS ORDERED that Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Nolin") shall file the original and eight copies of the following information with the Commission with a copy to all parties of record within seven days from the date of this Order.

1. Describe in detail any financing sources other than National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC") that were considered in securing the supplemental financing requested herein. This response should include the reason(s) that CFC financing was selected over other options as well as the results of any studies conducted which support the use of CFC financing.

2. Provide the additional debt service requirements associated with the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") loan and the CFC loan, using the RUS interest rate and the current CFC variable and fixed interest rates.

3. Provide an amortization schedule of the proposed CFC loan using the current rates for variable and fixed loans.

4. Explain whether Nolin will be able to meet its increased debt service requirements with the revenues generated by its existing rates.

5. Explain how Nolin's current revenues are sufficient to cover the additional operating expenses it expects to incur related to the work plan.

6. Provide a copy of the Long Range Financial Forecast filed with RUS to support the proposed financing.

7. Concerning the purchase of the CFC Capital Term Certificate ("Certificate"), provide:

a. The calculations which support the rate for and the amount of Certificate purchases for the proposed loan.

b. (1) Which option does Nolin plan to use in the purchase?

(2) Why was this option selected?

8. Describe the interest rate options currently available to Nolin through CFC and provide copies of documents from CFC describing them.

9. If the advance of funds from this proposed loan were made by the date of Nolin's response to this Order, explain which loan program Nolin would select and why. Include with this explanation the results of all economic studies and analyses used to make this selection.

10. Provide documentation which indicates that the loans have been approved by RUS.

11. Provide a copy of Nolin's mortgage agreement with CFC, noting the differences between the current agreement and the previous mortgage agreement. If the mortgage agreement has not changed, state that no changes have been made and identify the most recent case in which the current mortgage agreement was filed.

12. Concerning the actual work performed under the 1996-1998 Work Plan:

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a. When did Nolin begin construction under the 1996-1998 Work Plan?

b. How much has Nolin spent on the 1996-1998 Work Plan, as of the date of its response to this Order?

13. Provide a copy of the Board of Directors' resolution which authorizes the proposed borrowing.

14. Provide RUS Form 740c.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of July, 1997.

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Executive Director