COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVEFOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITYPURSUANT TO KRS 278.020(1) AND 807 KAR 5:001,SECTION 9 AND RELATED SECTIONS, AUTHORIZINGCERTAIN PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION IDENTIFIED ASTHE HEADQUARTERS CONSTRUCTION AND DISTRICTRENOVATIONS

CASE NO. 99-270

<u>ORDER</u>

Jackson Energy Cooperative (Jackson Energy) filed its application on August 20, 1999 to construct a new headquarters office building which will consist of an approximately 19,000 square foot one-story office building, an 8,050 square foot maintenance building, an 11,000 square foot warehouse building, the renovation of the 5,144 square foot existing corporate headquarters, and a 6,750 square foot expansion of the London warehouse. The total estimated cost to construct the proposed facilities is \$3,045,000 and will be financed by loans from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation and the Rural Utilities Service. The new headquarters office, the crew center, and the maintenance building will be located on State Highway 290, six miles south of McKee, Kentucky. The proposed warehouse will be constructed across from the existing headquarters.

Jackson Energy indicates that the proposed construction of the new headquarters building, the maintenance building, the renovation of the existing

headquarters building, and the expansion of the London warehouse are necessary to accommodate the additional personnel and equipment required to meet consumer needs. The existing warehouse is not adequate for the volume of material needed for present construction levels. The London warehouse needs expansion to accommodate materials for the rapid growth of consumers. The renovation of the McKee headquarters will be a district customer service center.

Based on the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the construction of a new headquarters building, the maintenance building, the renovation of the existing corporate headquarters, and the expansion of the London Warehouse are necessary to ensure adequate space is available in the future for the reasonable expansion of Jackson Energy's staff and equipment as growth within its system occurs.

IT IS ORDERED that Jackson Energy is hereby granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the proposed facilities described in its application.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director