# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC	)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION THAT	)	
ON NOVEMBER 1, 1999, IT WILL	)	CASE NO. 99-380
ADJUST ITS MISCELLANEOUS	)	
SERVICE FEES	)	

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

On September 9, 1999, South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (South Kentucky) filed an application for authority to increase its miscellaneous service fees on November 1, 1999. These fees are non-recurring charges that are established to recover the cost of specific services provided in response to a customer's request or actions. By Order dated October 13, 1999, the Commission suspended the proposed fees until March 31, 2000 and directed South Kentucky to file additional information. South Kentucky filed its response on October 27, 1999 and provided additional verification of the basis for the charges being proposed, except for the returned check charge. Although South Kentucky proposed to increase this charge to \$22, it published notice of an increase to only \$17. The Commission finds that South Kentucky has sufficiently verified all other revised non-recurring charges.

The Commission has reviewed the financial information supplied by South Kentucky to determine the impact of the proposed adjustments in non-recurring charges. South Kentucky will realize a slight increase in its earnings, moving the TIER

from 1.93 to 1.94. The Commission finds that the adjustment is reasonable and will not result in an unreasonable level of additional earnings.

South Kentucky currently has on file a tariff setting forth fees for inspecting properties to determine compliance with applicable electrical codes. By letter filed November 29, 1999, South Kentucky proposes to eliminate this tariff on the basis that it is a non-utility service. These electrical inspections are required by KRS 227.450 to 227.500, but can be provided by any certified electrical inspector. Since the inspections need not be performed by a utility, and the fees are established by KRS 227.487, this is not a utility service as that term is defined by KRS 278.010(13). Thus, the Commission finds that South Kentucky may withdraw its fee schedule, but the requirement that the inspection be performed should be retained.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The non-recurring charges in Appendix A are approved for service rendered by South Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.
- 2. The portion of Paragraph 4.30 of South Kentucky's tariff relating to electrical inspection fees is cancelled.
- 3. South Kentucky shall file within 30 days of the date of this Order its revised tariff sheets setting out the non-recurring charges and tariff changes approved herein.

[	Done at I	rankfort,	Kentucky	, this 15 <sup>th</sup> d	lay of Decem	ber, 1999.
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ATTES	T:					
Executi	ve Direc	tor				

#### APPENDIX A

## APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 99-380 DATED DECEMBER 15, 1999

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

### MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

Returned Check	\$ 17.00
Special Trip Charges:	
Regular Working Hours	36.00
Overtime	138.00
Meter Tests	48.00
Inspection Fees	70.00
Reconnect	36.00
Collection	36.00
Meter Reading	36.00
Overtime	138.00