COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC)	
CORPORATION (1) FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE)	CASE NO.
AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO KRS 270.020(1) AND)	2000-087
807 KAR 5:001, SECTION 9 AND RELATED SECTIONS)	
AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION)	

ORDER

Meade County Rural Electric Corporation ("Meade County") filed its application on February 25, 2000, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct certain improvements and additions to its existing plant at a cost of \$9,992,908. The total cost to construct the proposed facilities will be financed with a loan from the United States of America Federal Financing Bank. In support of its application Meade County filed its 2000-2001 Work Plan which describes in detail the improvements and additions to its plant that are required over the next 2 years to serve its load.

Meade County seeks authorization to construct extensions and additions to its plant as follows:

1.	New Distribution Lines		\$ 2,890,008
2.	Line Conversion & Replace	cement	2,575,660
3.	New Substation		953,000
4.	Substation Upgrades		219,000
5.	Misc. Equip. & Poles		3,012,040
6.	Security Lights		343,200
		TOTAL	\$9,992,908

The proposed construction will enable Meade County to continue to provide

adequate and dependable electric service to its customers. The system improvements

recommended in this Work Plan will not duplicate existing facilities and are needed to

correct voltage problems, improve phase balance, and provide for improved service

reliability.

Based on the application and supporting 2000-2001 Work Plan, and being

advised, the Commission finds that the proposed improvements and additions to be

constructed by Meade County are necessary to provide adequate, reliable electric

service to existing customers and anticipated new customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Meade County is granted a Certificate of

Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the facilities described in its 2000-2001

Work Plan.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 31st day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Execut**y**e Director