COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE PETITION OF KENTUCKY POWER)COMPANY D/B/A AMERICAN ELECTRIC)POWER FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT)OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FILED IN)CONNECTION WITH ITS ANNUAL REPORT)

CASE NO. 2000-263

<u>ORDER</u>

Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power ("AEP") filed an application with the Commission on May 30, 2000, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of portions of its annual report on the grounds that disclosure is likely to cause AEP competitive injury. This application has been assigned Commission Case No. 2000-263.

AEP has requested that it be granted a formal hearing to determine if those portions of its annual report are entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to KRS 61.878. The Commission finds that AEP should be granted a formal hearing.

The Commission, being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The motion of AEP for a formal hearing is granted.

2. This matter is set for formal hearing on August 15, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of June, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Mas Hule _____ Executive Director