

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF DELAYED)
PAYMENT CHARGES ASSESSED)
BY KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY) CASE NO. 2000-428
D/B/A AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER)
AGAINST AK STEEL CORPORAITON)

O R D E R

The Commission, having considered the petition for declaratory ruling and other relief filed by Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power (“Kentucky Power”), attached hereto as Appendix A, and finding that sufficient evidence has been presented to open an investigation, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The assessment by Kentucky Power of delayed payment charges against AK Steel Corporation (“AK Steel”) on five separate occasions since December 18, 1998 shall be subject to investigation in this docket.
2. Within 15 days of the date of this Order, Kentucky Power shall file an original and five copies of its response to the information request set forth in Appendix B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and shall serve one copy of its response on AK Steel.
3. Within 25 days of the date of this Order, AK Steel shall file a pleading setting forth any objections, claims, or defenses it may have to the delayed payment charges as assessed by Kentucky Power. AK Steel shall also disclose in its pleading all

relevant facts that are supplemental to, or in conflict with, the factual allegations contained in Kentucky Power's petition.

4. Within 25 days of the date of this Order, AK Steel and Kentucky Power shall file proposed procedural schedules for conducting this investigation.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of October, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy W^m H. Fowler
Executive Director

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2000-428 DATED

1. Provide copies of all correspondence to and from AK Steel relating to the assessment of delayed payment charges since December 1998.
2. Provide copies of the summary billing statements sent to AK Steel each month beginning January 1998 through September 2000.
3. Explain in detail, with supporting reference to Kentucky Power's Tariff Sheet No. 2-3, Paragraph 5.b., the reasons for granting AK Steel a waiver of the delayed payment charge in conjunction with its payment on April 19, 1999.
4. Explain in detail why Kentucky Power's petition, Paragraph Nos. 10 and 14, allege that AK Steel was assessed and has refused to pay a delayed payment charge of \$29,281.49 in conjunction with a payment on June 17, 1999, whereas the petition, Exhibit 14, shows AK Steel's monthly billing summary as of August 31, 1999 to be paid in full with no previous balance due.
5. Refer to the petition, Exhibit 15. Explain in detail the late payment charge of \$2,872.97 set forth on AK Steel's billing summary for the billing date of October 29, 1999.