COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY)	
POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION)	CASE NO.
OF TRANSMISSION FACILITIES)	2000-00341
ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION)	
OF THE KENTUCKY PIONEER ENERGY, L.L.C.)	
PROJECT, LOCATED IN CLARK, FAYETTE,)	
MONTGOMERY, POWELL AND MADISON)	
COUNTIES, KENTUCKY)	

ORDER

On June 30, 2000, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. (East Kentucky) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct new transmission facilities needed in association with the combined cycle generating plant to be constructed by Kentucky Pioneer Energy, L.L.C. (Kentucky Pioneer) at East Kentucky s J.K. Smith generating site in Clark County, Kentucky. By Order dated September 18, 2000, the Commission directed East Kentucky to file notice of the date, time, and place of public meetings to be held with those property owners that may be potentially affected by the proposed construction of transmission facilities. In addition, that Order directed East Kentucky to file, when available, evidence that Kentucky Pioneer has obtained financing for its combined cycle generating plant.

A review of the Commission's docket reveals that East Kentucky has made no filing since the September 18, 2000 Order was issued. The Commission, on its own motion, finds that East Kentucky should file a status report setting forth a detailed

description of the steps taken by Kentucky Pioneer since September 18, 2000 to obtain financing, whether financing will be obtained within 60 days of the date of this Order and, if so, Kentucky Pioneer's timeline for obtaining financing within that 60-day period. That report should also include a description of the current status of each necessary permit, including environmental, that must be obtained prior to commencement of construction and the date such permit was obtained by Kentucky Pioneer or the anticipated date that such permit will be obtained. In the event that East Kentucky's report indicates that Kentucky Pioneer will not have obtained project financing and all necessary permits to commence construction within 60 days of the date of this Order, this case will be dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that East Kentucky shall file, within 10 days of the date of this Order, a report setting forth in detail the following information:

- 1. Kentucky Pioneer's efforts to obtain project financing, whether financing is reasonably anticipated within 60 days and, if so, a timeline to obtain financing.
- 2. A description of each permit, including environmental, needed by Kentucky Pioneer prior to commencement of construction of its combined cycle generating plant and the date such permit was issued or is reasonably anticipated to be issued.
- 3. A discussion of the reasons, if any, why public meetings with property owners that may be potentially affected by the proposed construction of transmission facilities should not be scheduled and held within 60 days.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of April, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director