COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT THEY GRANT A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AN UNSERVED AREA OF SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2002-00085

<u>ORDER</u>

On March 15, 2002, County of Boone, Kentucky (County of Boone) submitted an application for (1) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct a water distribution system in an unserved area of Boone County (Sub District A) at a cost of \$8,425,000, (2) approval of its plan of financing for this project, and (3) approval of the rates and charges for the customers to be serviced by these water line extensions. On July 9, 2002, the Commission issued an Interim Order in this proceeding addressing County of Boone's request for a CPCN and its request for approval of financing, but deferred its decision on the approval of rates and charges. The Attorney General stated in his filing of June 3, 2002, that he took no position on County of Boone's request for a CPCN and approval of financing, but was silent on County of Boone's request for a CPCN and charges. The Commission finds that the Attorney General should be granted an opportunity to conduct discovery, file written comments, and/or request a hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

The Attorney General shall have 10 days from the date of this Order to file 1. written requests for information to County of Boone, written comments, and/or a written request for a hearing.

2. If the Attorney General issues a request for information to County of Boone, County of Boone shall respond within 10 days from the date the data request is issued.

3. If no filings are made by the Attorney General within the time limits provided, this case shall stand submitted for decision on the existing record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of August, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director