COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF STEPP BRANCH GAS COMPANY, INC. TO CEASE OPERATIONS OF ITS NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

CASE NO. 2002-00182

<u>ORDER</u>

On July 1, 2002, Stepp Branch Gas Company, Inc. (Stepp Branch) filed a Motion with the Commission requesting the formal public hearing of this matter scheduled for July 11, 2002 be reset for July 8, 2002.

The Commission finds that Stepp Branch has given notice of the hearing to its customers and the general public and that there is not sufficient cause to reschedule the hearing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion to reschedule the hearing is denied and the formal hearing shall proceed as scheduled on July 11, 2002.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of July, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST: