

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF INTER-COUNTY)
ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN AUTOMATIC) CASE NO. 2003-00070
METER READING LEASE OPTION FOR)
ITS MEMBERS/OWNERS)

ORDER

On January 21, 2003, Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation (Inter-County) filed a new tariff to provide an automatic meter reading lease option for its members/owners. The automatic meter reading equipment allows Inter-County to receive, via the customer s telephone line, meter readings, voltage reporting, and automatic outage notification. The equipment is particularly well suited for customers who provide, or wish to provide, limited access to their property.

Inter-County proposed that the new service, offered at a monthly charge of \$5.15, become effective on March 1, 2003. The Commission suspended the tariff for 5 months, up to and including July 31, 2003, and opened this case to investigate its reasonableness. An informal conference attended by representatives of Inter-County and Commission Staff was held on March 13, 2003. The Commission issued one data request to which Inter-County responded on April 21, 2003. The Commission s concerns relating to cost justification for the proposed \$5.15 monthly charge were adequately addressed by Inter-County in its response.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Inter-County s tariff offering an automatic meter reading

lease option is reasonable, is adequately supported by cost justification data, and should, therefore, be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Inter-County's tariff containing an automatic meter reading lease option is approved as filed, effective with the date of this Order.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Inter-County shall file with this Commission its approved tariff showing the date of issue and that it was issued by authority of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of May, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director