

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF FLEMING-MASON)	
ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR)	CASE NO.
APPROVAL TO ADOPT A SAMPLE)	2003-00158
METER-TESTING PLAN)	

ORDER

Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Fleming-Mason) has applied for authority to adopt a scientific sample meter testing plan for single phase meters. Under the proposed testing plan, Fleming-Mason will test all single phase meters at least once every 25 years. It will divide its single phase meters into 17 groups and randomly select a minimum of 2 percent of each group for annual testing. The percentage of meters tested from each group depends upon the results from the previous year s test.

In support of its application, Fleming-Mason states that it would realize a significant cost reduction each year. However, in response to the Commission Staff Data Request, Fleming-Mason states: There would be no immediate cost reduction because the testing is done in house and no personnel reduction will occur.

Having considered the application, the Commission finds that Fleming-Mason s proposed sample meter testing program will not result in enough cost saving to justify testing fewer meters per year.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Fleming-Mason s application to adopt sample testing of its single phase meters is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of August, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director