

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF INTER-COUNTY ENERGY )  
COOPERATIVE FOR AN ORDER ISSUING A ) CASE NO.  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND ) 2003-00353  
NECESSITY )

O R D E R

Inter-County Energy Cooperative (“Inter-County”) filed its application on October 16, 2003 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of a new headquarters office building that will consist of an approximately 29,300 square foot office building and a 10,000 square foot service facility. The total projected cost to construct and furnish the proposed facilities is \$6,158,566 and will be financed by loans from the Rural Utilities Service.

CDS Engineers, Architects, Planners and Surveyors (“CDS”) performed a facility assessment study for Inter-County. The study shows that the existing office and support space, 13,000 square feet, is inadequate to meet current or future needs. The CDS study identified that Inter-County needs approximately 26,500 square feet of office and support space.

Inter-County’s existing headquarters is located on 18 acres that it owns. It proposes to construct the new headquarters on the same site after tearing down the existing headquarters. Inter-County represents that the new headquarters will alleviate parking, drive-through, and traffic congestion problems. The present headquarters lacks privacy for communications with customers concerning their bills and has very

poor access and accommodations for customers with disabilities. The new headquarters will provide greater security, adequate space to accommodate future growth, and will permit consolidation of customer service functions.

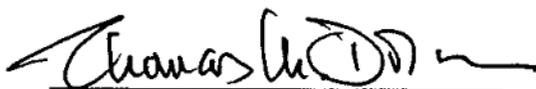
Based on the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the public convenience and necessity require the construction of the new headquarters and a certificate should be issued.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Inter-County is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the new headquarters office building as proposed in its application.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director