COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A FORMAL REVIEW OF THE CURRENT STATUS)
OF TRIMBLE COUNTY UNIT NO. 1) CASE NO. 9934

ORDER

On July 22, 1987, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") filed its notice of objection to certain data requests submitted on July 10, 1987, by the Attorney General, Utility and Rate Intervention Division ("AG"). LG&E objected that some of the information requested was not available but would be provided when it was available, and that some of the data will be supplied if the same request is made in the second phase of this proceeding. This proceeding by agreement of the parties and approval of the Commission has been separated into two phases. The first phase is to deal with the update to the current construction plan for Trimble County Unit No. 1 and LG&E's latest load forecast. The second phase is devoted to the updated planning studies used to support LG&E's decisions concerning Trimble County.

On July 24, 1987, the AG filed a motion to compel LG&E to respond to its data request. The AG's motion also included a request for additional time to file testimony. The AG's motion argued that the information was necessary because it was helpful in determining the future price of electricity which is a key factor in determining LG&E's load forecast.

On July 30, 1987, LG&E responded to the AG's motion. LG&E's motion reiterated its concern with prematurely providing information which is to be considered in the second phase of this proceeding and stated its concerns about generating data which is not readily available and also preparing the data in a specific format.

On August 3, 1987, the AG responded to LG&E's response. In the AG's response it explained why it believed its requests were reasonable. Finally, on August 7, 1987, the AG filed a notice of reservation of its right to file supplemental testimony in this proceeding after LG&E supplies responses to the AG's request.

Based upon a review of the AG's requests and LG&E's responses, the Commission finds that many of the issues raised by the AG's requests will be further considered in the second phase of this proceeding. The Commission at this time anticipates that after LG&E provides its capacity planning studies in the second phase of this proceeding an informal conference will be convened for the purposes of developing a procedural schedule and to discuss the discovery process to be used in the second phase. The Commission believes that the differences between LG&E and the AG regarding the availability of information can be worked out at that time. Further, the Commission finds that the AG's claim to its right to file supplemental testimony after LG&E supplies responses to its requests is appropriate and duly recognized.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that LG&E's objections will be further considered in the second phase of this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the AG has the right to file supplemental testimony after LG&E supplies responses to the AG's requests.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of August, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

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