

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)	
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND)	CASE NO.
NECESSITY FOR AN ELECTRICAL)	2012-00276
FRANCHISE IN THE CITY OF HARDINSBURG,)	
KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

On June 28, 2012, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County RECC") filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on a franchise for electric services offered by the city of Hardinsburg, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(4), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

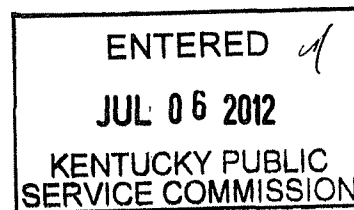
In light of the city of Hardinsburg's ordinance creating an electric distribution franchise, the Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for electric service for the city of Hardinsburg, Kentucky. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions of the franchises offered

by the city of Hardinsburg, Kentucky, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Meade County RECC is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise for electric services offered by the city of Hardinsburg, Kentucky.
2. Meade County RECC, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file two copies of the franchise agreement with the Commission's tariff branch.
3. This Order shall not be construed as granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct utility facilities for the city of Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



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