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January 22, 2001

Mr. William H. Coffenberry
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U.S. Army Operations Support Command
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Rock Island, Illinois 61299-6000

Re: Blue Grass Army Depot

Dear Mr. Coffenberry:

The Kentucky Public Service Commission acknowledges receipt of your letter of January 9, 2001, in which you inquire about which electric retail suppliers have the right to provide retail electric service to the Blue Grass Army Depot.

KRS 278.018(1) provides:

[E]ach retail electric supplier shall have the exclusive right to furnish retail electric service to all electric-consuming facilities located within its certified territory, and shall not furnish, make available, render or extend its retail electric service to a consumer for use in electric-consuming facilities located within the certified territory of another retail electric supplier; provided that any retail electric supplier may extend its facilities through the certified territory of another retail electric supplier, if such extension is necessary for such supplier to connect any of its facilities or to serve its consumers within its own certified territory.

The Commission established certified territories for each electric utility in 1972. These boundaries, with some limited modifications, have been in place since then. The Commission maintains maps of all certified service territories. These maps are available for public inspection during the Commission's normal business hours.



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Commission Staff has examined the certified territory maps for the area surrounding the Blue Grass Army Depot. Its examination indicates that the Blue Grass Army Depot falls completely within the certified service territory of Kentucky Utilities Company. It also reports that, under the terms of an agreement between Kentucky Utilities Company and Blue Grass Rural Electric Cooperative, Blue Grass Rural Electric Cooperative¹ is authorized to serve two locations within the installation. See Kentucky Utilities Co., Case No. 10294 (Ky. PSC Aug. 9, 1988). A copy of the Order in which the Commission approved this agreement is enclosed for your reference.

This letter represents Commission Staff's interpretation of the law as applied to the facts presented. This opinion is advisory in nature and not binding on the Commission should the issues herein be formally presented for Commission resolution. Questions concerning this opinion should be directed to Gerald Wuetcher, Assistant General Counsel, at (502) 564-3940, Extension 259.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Dorman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Thomas M. Dorman
Executive Director

Enclosure

¹ Blue Grass Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation merged with Fox Creek Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation in 1998 to form the Blue Grass Energy Cooperative.