COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CON-VENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING THE APPLICANT TO OBTAIN A FRANCHISE IN THE TOWN OF INEZ, MARTIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

CASE NO. 8203

ORDER

On the 9th day of April, 1981, Kentucky Power Company filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on an electric franchise from the Town of Inez, Martin County, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

A hearing in this matter was held in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, on April 16, 1981.

The Commission FINDS that there is a need and demand for electric service in the Town of Inez, 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 validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by said town or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That Kentucky Power Company be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on an electric franchise in the Town of Inez, Martin County, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Kentucky Power Company, if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of the said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in said town.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of April, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Chairman

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Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary