COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF BILLY RAY HICKS,) RT. 1, BOX 402, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY) TO DEVIATE FROM COMMISSION REGULATION) 807 KAR 5:026 SECTION 6, SUBSECTION 6)

ORDER

On October 18, 1982, Billy Ray Hicks, Rt. 1, Box 402, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, filed a letter with the Commission requesting authority to use 1 1/4 inch plastic pipe in the construction of a service line to his residence from a line of the Kentucky West Virgina Gas Company.

The Commission will treat this letter as an application requesting authority to deviate from the provisions of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026, Section 6, Subsection 6.

A member of the Commission staff inspected the proposed location of the service line and found that it would be possible to bury the line to a sufficient depth to prevent damage to same by various digging activities and recommended the granting of the requested authority.

The Commission, having considered the application and all evidence of record and being fully advised, is of the opinion and finds that: 1. A hearing to consider the merits of the application will not be necessary.

2. Mr. Hicks should be granted permission to use 1 1/4 inch plastic pipe in lieu of black steel pipe provided the pipe is of an approved type and the entire service line is buried a minimum of 36 inches.

3. The completed service line installation should be inspected by Commission staff members prior to the filling of the ditch.

4. Mr. Hicks should notify the Commission when construction is sufficiently completed to allow the above inspection.

5. The plastic pipe should be installed by persons who qualify under the requirements of 49 CFR 192.285.

6. This service line should be used only to serve one dwelling as required by state law.

7. Mr. Hicks should meet all other requirements of Public Service Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026, Section 6, in his installations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Billy Ray Hicks be and he hereby is granted authority to deviate from Public Service Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026, Section 6, Subsection 6, and install a 1 1/4 inch plastic pipe of an approved type for his service line, said pipe to be buried a minimum of 36 inches.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Billy Ray Hicks shall notify the Commission when construction is sufficiently completed to allow

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for inspection and approval of the line by the Division of Utility Engineering and Services of the Public Service Commission before service is rendered.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of November, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary