

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
RESIDENTS OF HARLAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY,)
FOR A PRELIMINARY HEARING TO DETER-) CASE NO. 8999
MINE THE NEED FOR THE FORMATION OF)
THE BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT)

O R D E R

On March 9, 1984, the Public Service Commission received an application from five resident freeholders of Harlan County, Kentucky, desiring the formation of a water district to be known as the Black Mountain Utility District. The proposed service area was indicated on an accompanying map to consist of the central portion of Harlan County east of Harlan on Highway 38 from Harlan to Holmes Mill. The number of potential customers was listed as approximately 129 homes initially with a growth potential to approximately 1,400 homes. The initial source of the water supply was given as wells. The application indicated Mr. Rufus Hendrix as the spokesman for the applicants.

A hearing was held on June 6, 1984, in the offices of the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The Commission, after consideration of the record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. There is a definite need for a water distribution system in the Black Mountain Area.

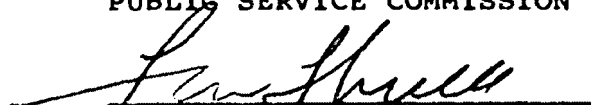
2. There is no other water system operating in the area at this time that is ready, willing and able to serve the Black Mountain Area.


3. No approval of construction can be granted herein. Such approval should be sought by the water district after it has been created by an order of the Harlan County Court; has finalized plans, specifications and estimates for its proposed construction; and has secured the financing required for this construction.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the residents of the Black Mountain Area of Harlan County, Kentucky, be and they hereby are authorized to petition the Harlan County Court for the establishment of the Black Mountain Utility District.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of June, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary _____