

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ISSUANCE OF A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO BID ON A GAS DIS-) CASE NO. 9229
TRIBUTION FRANCHISE IN THE CORPORA-)
TION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF IRVINE,)
KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On November 27, 1984, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on a gas distribution franchise in the city of Irvine, 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.

The Commission finds that there is a need and demand for gas service in the city of Irvine, 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 city or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on a gas distribution franchise in the city of Irvine, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission copies 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 city.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of December, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary