

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF HARRISON COUNTY)	
WATER ASSOCIATION FOR A DEVIATION)	
FROM 807 KAR 5:066, SECTION 10(3),)	CASE NO. 89-113
REGARDING SERVICE LINE INSPECTION)	

O R D E R

By letter received May 4, 1989, Harrison County Water Association ("Harrison County") requested a deviation from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3), which requires a water utility to inspect service line installations.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Any person, firm, or corporation who installs any plumbing, including service lines to a water utility's distribution main, must procure a plumbing installation permit from the Kentucky Department of Housing, Building, and Construction ("the Department") before installing that plumbing. KRS 318.134. Farmsteads,¹ however, are exempt from this requirement. KRS 318.015(3).

¹ A farmstead is "a farm dwelling together with other farm buildings and structures incident to the operation and maintenance of the farm situated on ten (10) acres or more of land which is located outside the corporate limits of a municipality." KRS 318.010(8).

2. Any plumbing installed under a plumbing permit must be installed in accordance with the plumbing permit and the Kentucky State Plumbing Code. KRS 318.134.

3. The Kentucky State Plumbing Code requires water service lines to be free from any tee, branch connection, irregularity or defect. 815 KAR 20:100.

4. Prior to the completion of any plumbing installation, the Department conducts an inspection to ensure that the plumbing installation complies with the provisions of the Kentucky State Plumbing Code. KRS 318.130 and 318.134. In those localities where the local government has adopted by ordinance the Kentucky State Plumbing Code, inspections are conducted by local governments instead. KRS 318.140.

5. The inspections conducted by the Department or the local government are comparable to those required of a water utility by Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3).

6. To require a water utility to perform an inspection of any service line installation where the Department or local government has already conducted a comparable inspection would result in a needless duplication of efforts.

7. To avoid the needless duplication of effort, Harrison County should be authorized to deviate from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3), in those instances where the Department or local government is required to inspect a service line installation.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of May, 1989.

Chairman

Robert M. Davis
Vice Chairman

Spure W. Williams
Commissioner

Executive Director