COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND) ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR CERTIFICATES) OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR) FRANCHISES IN CERTAIN CITIES IN) ITS SERVICE AREA)

CASE NO. 89-301

<u>ORDER</u>

On October 19, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") filed with the Commission its application seeking Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on gas and electric franchises in the cities of Crossgate and Whipps Millgate, 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 its finding that there is a need and demand for the services sought to be rendered.

The Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for gas and electric service in the above-mentioned cities. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the services sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions of the franchises offered by said cities, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. LG&E is hereby granted Certificates of Convenience and Necessity which authorize it to bid on gas and electric franchises in the above-mentioned cities.

2. LG&E, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission two copies of the franchise agreements.

3. This Order shall not be construed as granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to construct utility facilities in the said cities.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this

27th day of October, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director