

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF GOSHEN UTILITIES,)
INC. FOR APPROVAL TO PROVIDE FREE) CASE NO.
WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO ITS) 96-080
EMPLOYEES)

O R D E R

By letter dated February 8, 1996, Goshen Utilities, Inc. ("Goshen Utilities") requested Commission approval to provide free water and sewer service to its employees. In its request, it states that Goshen Utilities has provided free water and sewer service to an employee for "the past several years" and that this employee's annual average consumption was only 86,000 gallons of water. Goshen Utilities proposes to provide free service to this employee only.

KRS 278.170(2) provides:

Any utility may grant free or reduced rate service to its officers, agents or employees, and may exchange free or reduced rate service with other utilities for the benefit of the officers, agents and employees of both utilities. Any utility may grant free or reduced rate service to the United States, to charitable and eleemosynary institutions, and to persons engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work, and may grant free or reduced rate service for the purpose of providing relief in case of flood, epidemic, pestilence or other calamity. The terms "officers" and "employees," as used in this subsection, include furloughed, pensioned and superannuated officers and employees, and persons who have become disabled or infirm in the service of the utility. Notice must be given to the commission and its agreement obtained for such reduced rate service except in case of an emergency, in which case

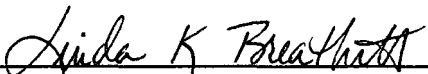
the commission shall be notified at least five (5) days after the service is rendered [emphasis added].

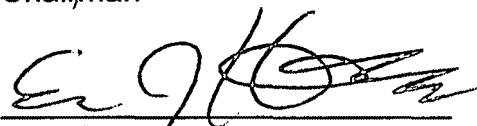
After review of the request, the Commission finds no reason to refuse the requested relief. The requested relief will not adversely affect Goshen Utilities' financial condition. The utility's shareholders, not its ratepayers, will bear the cost of this free service. Accordingly, the Commission hereby authorizes Goshen Utilities, as of the date of this Order, to provide free utility service to its employees.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Goshen Utilities is authorized to provide free water and sewer service to its employees on or after the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of June, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director