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#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE,<br/>INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND<br/>NECESSITY TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A)NECESSITY TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A)FRANCHISE IN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF)LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY)GOVERNMENT FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE)

) ) CASE NO. ) 2008-00281 )

# <u>ORDER</u>

On July 17, 2008, Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Clark Energy") filed with the Commission its application seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on a franchise for electric service offered by the city of Lexington, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(4), 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.

In light of the ordinance of the city of Lexington creating an electric distribution franchise, the Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for electric service in the above-mentioned city. 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 qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions of the franchises offered by said city, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Clark Energy is granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise for electric service offered by the above-mentioned city.

2. Clark Energy, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission two copies of the franchise agreement.

3. 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 23rd day of July, 2008.

By the Commission

ATTEST: For Stephanit Stumbo by permission Executive Dire

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