

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER)	
COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CASE NO.
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	2011-00018
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICANT TO OBTAIN A)	
FRANCHISE IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, BOYD)	
COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	

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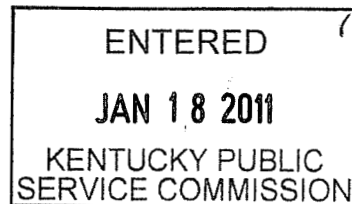
On January 12, 2011, Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power") filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on a franchise for electric service offered by the city of Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(4), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a Certificate of Public 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 city of Ashland's ordinance 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.

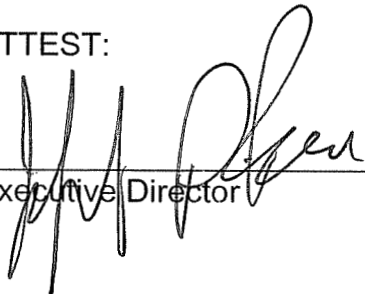
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky Power is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise for electric service offered by the city of Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky.
2. Kentucky Power, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file two copies of the franchise agreement with the Commission's tariff branch.
3. This Order shall not be construed as granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct utility facilities in said city.

By the Commission



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