## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING KU TO BID ON A FRANCHISE ESTABLISHED BY LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

CASE NO. 2013-00118

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## <u>ORDER</u>

On March 27, 2013, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on a franchise for electric services offered by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. 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 Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's ordinance creating an electric distribution franchise, the Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for electric services for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. 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 the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. KU is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise for electric services offered by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

2. If KU is not the successful bidder, KU shall, within ten days of the award of the franchise at issue, file with the Commission a written notice stating that KU was not the successful bidder.

3. If KU is the successful bidder, KU shall, within ten days of the award of the franchise at issue, file with the Commission a copy of the executed franchise agreement.

4. Any documents filed pursuant to ordering paragraphs 2 or 3 of this Order shall reference the number of this case and shall be electronically submitted via the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System.

5. This Order shall not be construed as granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct utility facilities for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

By the Commission

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