CASE NUMBER: 99.339



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Paul E. Patton Governor

March 20, 2000

Honorable John J. Finnigan Senior Counsel The Union Light Heat & Power Co. 2500 Atrium II P.O. Box 960 Cincinnati, OH 45201-0960

Re: Case No. 1999-339 First Reminder Letter

Dear Mr. Finnigan:

The Commission entered its Final Order in this case on August 31, 1999. Among other things, the Commission ordered ULH&P, if it becomes the successful bidder, to file with the Commission two copies of each franchise agreement. This must be filed to fully comply with the Commission's Order. Please make this filing referencing the case number 1999-339, not later than 15 days from the date of this letter.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Howell Brady, Principal Assistant to the Executive Director at 502-564-3940, extension 265. Otherwise, please mail the required filing to Martin J. Huelsmann, Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Sincerely

Stephanie Bell Secretary to the Commission

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C: James B. Gainer



Ronald B. McCloud, Secretary Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet

Martin J. Huelsmann Executive Director Public Service Commission IN THE MATTER OF THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

SEQ ENTRY NBR DATE	REMARKS
0002 08/17/99	Application. Acknowledgement letter. Final Order denying req. to construct,own & oper., & gr. C/N to bid on franchise

KY. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AS OF : 08/31/99

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** 730 SCHENKEL LANE POST OFFICE BOX 615 FRANKFORT, KY. 40602 (502) 564-3940

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

RE: Case No. 99-339 THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY

I, Stephanie Bell, Secretary of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the following by U.S. Mail on August 31, 1999.

Parties of Record:

Honorable John J. Finnigan Senior Counsel The Union Light Heat & Power Co 2500 Atrium II P. O. Box 960 Cincinnati, OH. 45201 0960

James B. Gainer Legal Division The Union Light Heat & Power Co 139 E. Fourth Street Cincinnati, OH. 45202

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Secretary of the Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

CASE NO. 99-339

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<u>order</u>

On August 10, 1999, The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") filed with the Commission its application seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on a gas franchise in the Kentucky cities of Silver Grove and Melbourne.

In addition, ULH&P requested approval for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct, own, and operate a natural gas pipeline to serve the abovementioned cities. However, the Commission finds that ULH&P's application does not conform with the requirements set forth in Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2).

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 our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

The Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for gas 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 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. ULH&P's request for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct, own, and operate a natural gas pipeline is denied.

2. ULH&P is granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise in the above-mentioned cities.

3. ULH&P, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission two copies of each franchise agreement.

4. 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 31st day of August, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** 730 SCHENKEL LANE POST OFFICE BOX 615 FRANKFORT, KY. 40602 (502) 564-3940

August 17, 1999

Honorable John J. Finnigan Senior Counsel The Union Light Heat & Power Co 2500 Atrium II P. O. Box 960 Cincinnati, OH. 45201 0960

James B. Gainer Legal Division The Union Light Heat & Power Co 139 E. Fourth Street Cincinnati, OH. 45202

RE: Case No. 99-339 THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY (Franchises)

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of initial application in the above case. The application was date-stamped received August 10, 1999 and has been assigned Case No. 99-339. In all future correspondence or filings in connection with this case, please reference the above case number.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502/564-3940.

Sincerely, phat Ber

Stephanie Bell Secretary of the Commission

SB/jc

August 6, 1999



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JOHN J. FINNIGAN, JR. Senior Counsel



Hon. Helen Helton Executive Director Public Service Commission of Kentucky 730 Schenkel Lane P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

RE: In the Matter of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company's Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Dear Ms. Helton:

Enclosed are an original and thirteen (13) true copies The Union Light, Heat and Power Company's Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. I have also enclosed 3 copies of the site map.

Please date stamp the extra copies of the enclosed application upon filing and return in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope for our files.

Very truly yours,

John J. Finnigan

Senior Counsel

JJF/nlb

Enclosures

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

CASE NO. QQ-7

Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes § 278.020, The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own and operate a natural gas pipeline and to bid on and obtain franchises to serve natural gas customers in the City of Silver Grove and the City of Melbourne, Kentucky.

The proposed pipeline would tap into the existing KO transmission line at a point near the intersection of Kentucky State Route 8 and Interstate 275 in Campbell County, Kentucky. The pipeline would be installed along the right-of-way of State Route 8 for approximately 2.4 miles, then terminate in Silver Grove. The pipeline would enable ULH&P to serve natural gas customers in Silver Grove and Melbourne.

The pipe would be 12 inches in diameter and would be owned 50% by ULH&P and 50% by Lafarge Corporation ("Lafarge"). Lafarge is a manufacturer of gypsum wallboard. Lafarge is building a new plant in Silver Grove. Lafarge originally intended to construct its own 8-inch pipeline connecting to the KO transmission line, thus bypassing ULH&P. ULH&P does not own any natural gas distribution lines in the Silver Grove area. Silver Grove residents have requested ULH&P to provide natural gas service to them for years. ULH&P has been unable to provide this service because it was uneconomical to do so. The nearest existing ULH&P distribution line to Silver Grove is also approximately 2.4 miles away and it would have cost ULH&P several hundred thousand dollars to extend its distribution pipeline into the Silver Grove area.

After Lafarge announced its intention to build its plant and construct its own natural gas pipeline, Silver Grove residents prevailed upon Lafarge to help make natural gas service available to them. Lafarge inquired of ULH&P whether this could be done. Lafarge and ULH&P entered into an agreement, subject to the Commission's approval and issuance of a certificate for public convenience and necessity, whereby the 8-inch pipeline would be sized up to a 12-inch pipeline to be owned 50% by Lafarge and 50% by ULH&P. Lafarge agreed to pay all costs associated with constructing the pipeline, except for any incremental costs associated with increasing the size of the pipe from 8 inches to 12 inches. ULH&P will pay these costs. Both parties will pay 50% of the operating and maintenance expenses.

This agreement enables Lafarge to achieve its goals of accessing the KO transmission line and controlling its supply of natural gas. The agreement allows ULH&P to acquire a 50% ownership interest in a 2.4-mile pipeline at a minimal cost. ULH&P will then install an additional 17,500 feet of pipeline within the Silver Grove area in order to serve all the residents who want natural gas service. Silver Grove has approximately 1,100 residents. They will now be able to obtain natural gas service simply by installing service lines to connect with the new pipeline.

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The City of Melbourne has approximately 650 residents. Melbourne is located adjacent to the eastern limits of Silver Grove. Melbourne residents have also asked ULH&P to provide natural gas service over the years, but ULH&P has been unable to do so because it has been uneconomical. If the Commission issues the requested certificate for public convenience and necessity, then ULH&P may be in a position to extend the pipeline into Melbourne and provide natural gas service to its residents.

This proposed arrangement serves the public convenience and necessity in several respects. First, it would provide natural gas service for Silver Grove residents and may make it economical to later extend the pipeline to serve Melbourne residents. The residents of these cities have wanted natural gas service for years but ULH&P has been unable to provide it because it has been too costly for ULH&P to extend its distribution lines that far, if ULH&P had to bear this cost by itself.

Second, the proposal avoids any unnecessary duplication of service or facilities. The area to be served is approximately 2.4 miles away from the nearest ULH&P distribution line or KO transmission line.

Third, the proposed route of the pipeline is the most economical way to install it. The pipeline would run approximately 2.4 miles along Kentucky State Route 8 and would be installed along the road right-of-way. Installing the pipeline along the roadway is the most efficient and least costly way to construct the pipeline. ULH&P anticipates that no private easements will be required to install the pipeline to the point of connection with the Lafarge plant, except for getting permission to cross the CSX railroad line located between State Route 8 and the plant. Some private easements may later be required as ULH&P installs the remaining part of the pipeline within the Silver Grove area to provide

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service to all residents who request it, but the need for such easements should be relatively minimal.

Fourth, the proposal allows ULH&P to add approximately 2.4 miles to its distribution lines at minimal cost. ULH&P's only cost will be to pay the incremental cost associated with sizing up the pipeline from an 8-inch to a 12-inch pipe and the cost of installing distribution piping within the Silver Grove area to allow residents to connect with the pipeline. Although the increase in the pipe's diameter from 8 to 12 inches is only a 50% increase, this will increase the volume of the pipe by approximately 300%. This will provide adequate capacity for Lafarge's own use and for ULH&P to serve its own customers. ULH&P will be able to add to its revenues at a low cost, which will benefit all ratepayers because it will help ULH&P keep its rates low. Lafarge has agreed to use the pipeline solely for its own needs; therefore, there is no danger that Lafarge might attempt to re-sell its gas to other industrial customers who may locate in the area and thus deprive ULH&P of future revenues.

Finally, ULH&P also requests that the Commission allow it to bid on and obtain franchises from Silver Grove and Melbourne to provide natural gas service. These cities are located within ULH&P's certified territory and ULH&P currently provides electric service to these areas.

Based on the foregoing reasons, ULH&P respectfully requests that the Commission issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own and operate a natural gas pipeline and to bid on and obtain franchises to serve natural gas

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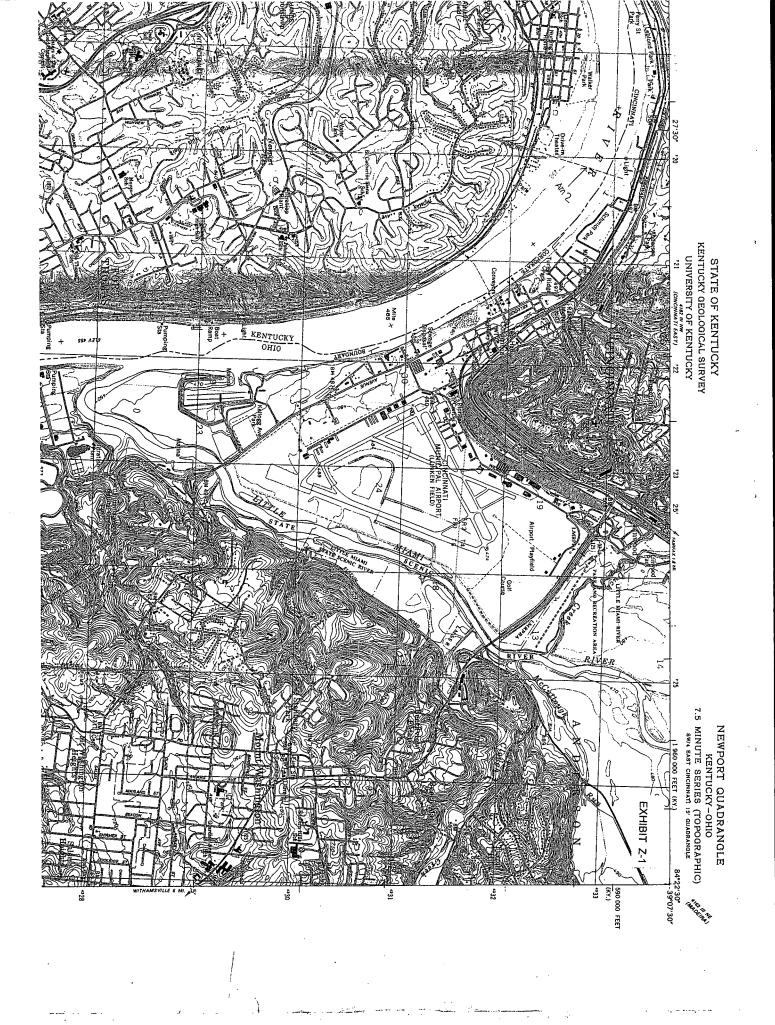
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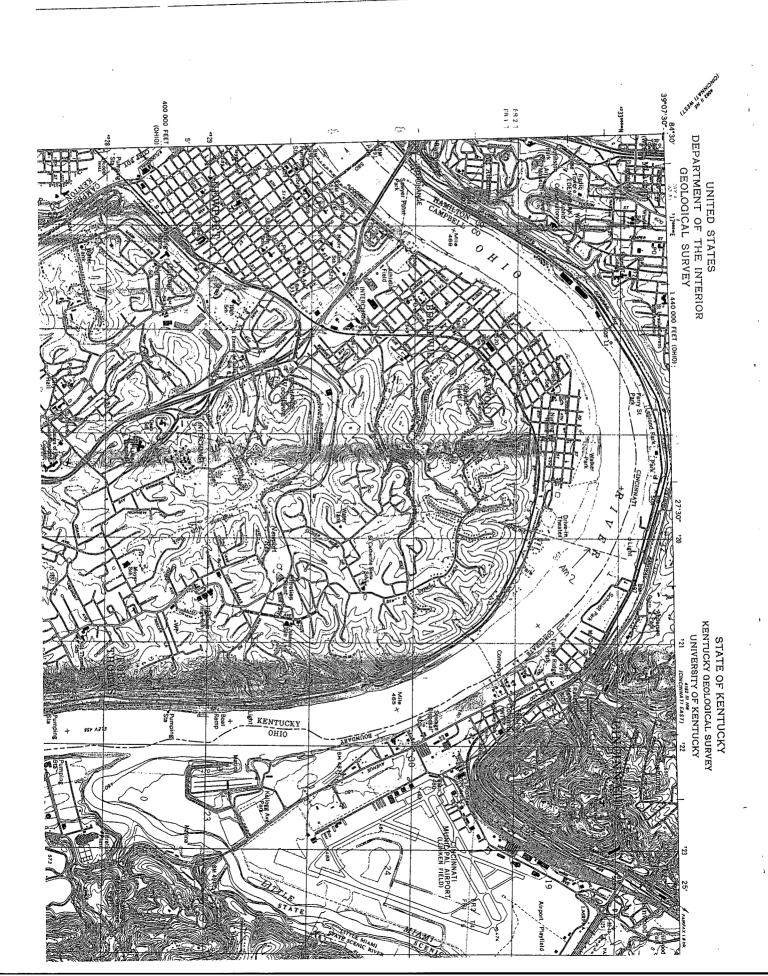
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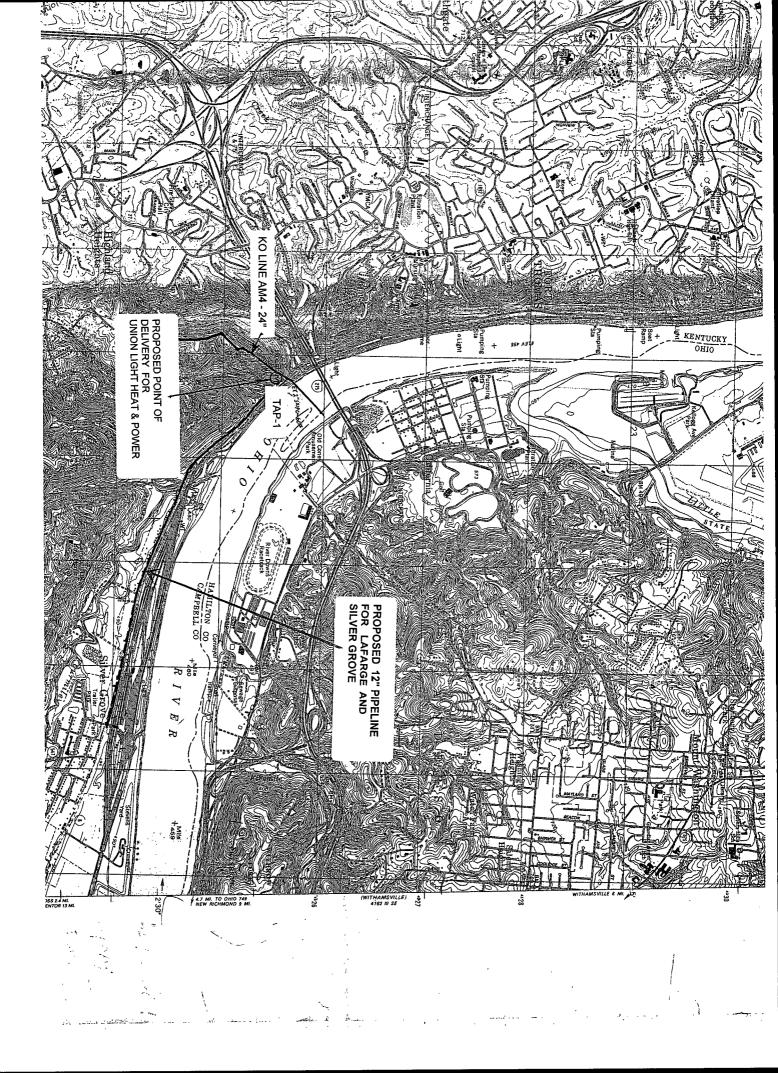
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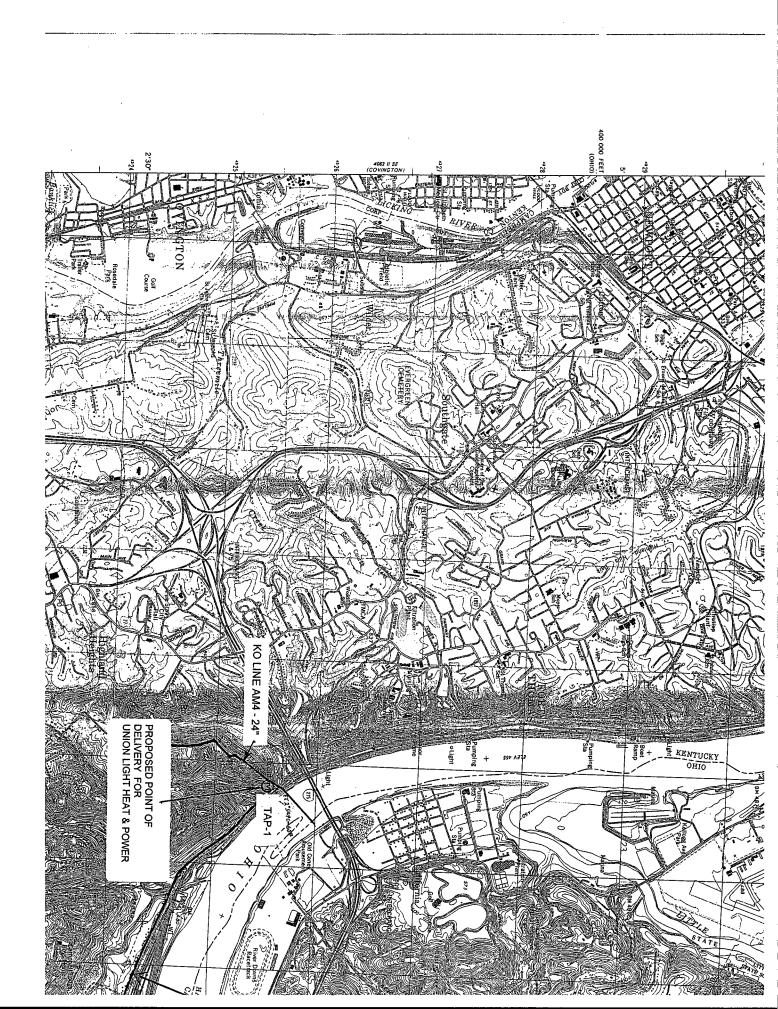
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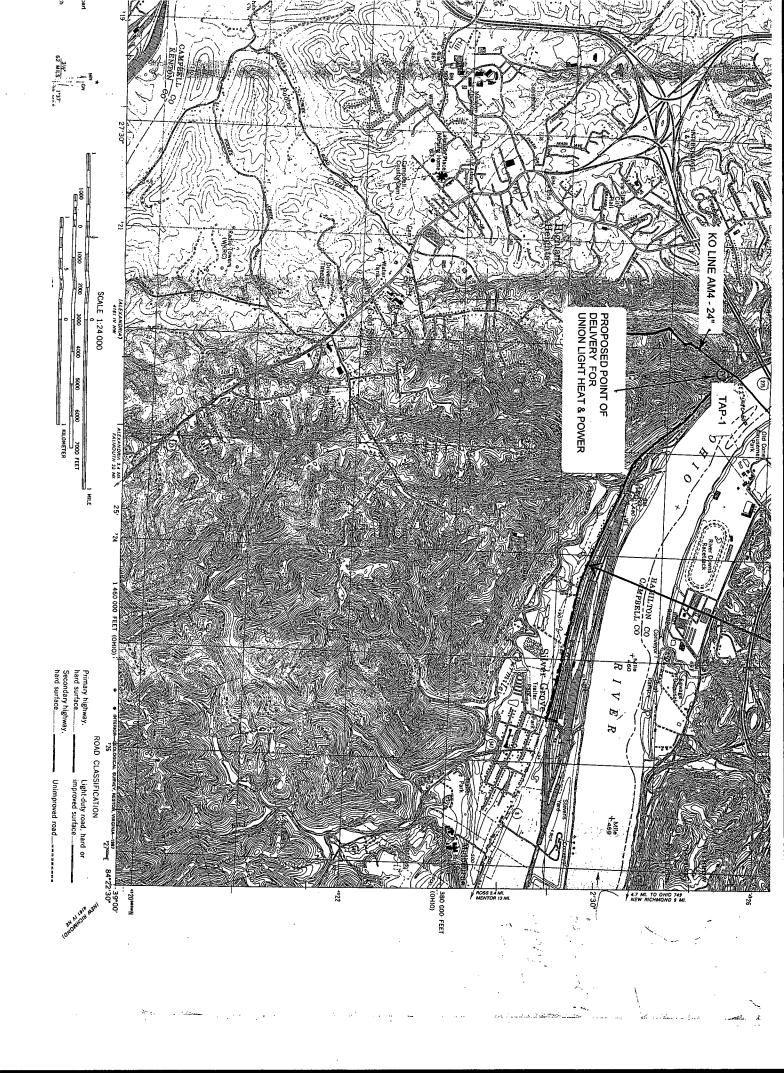
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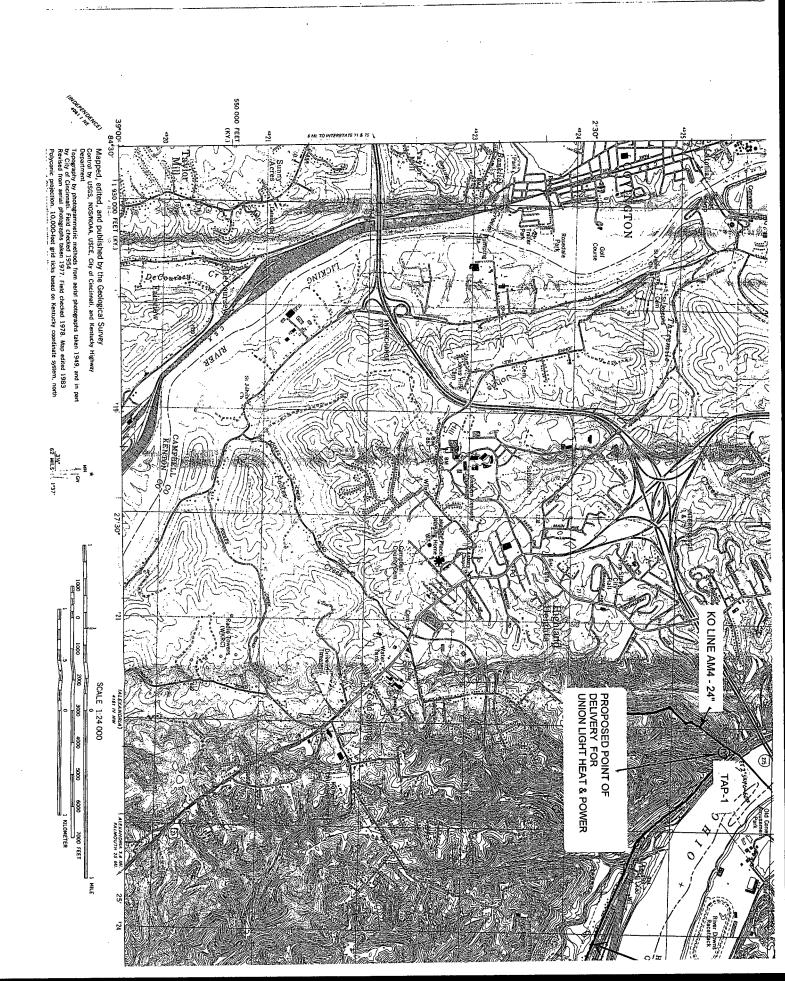




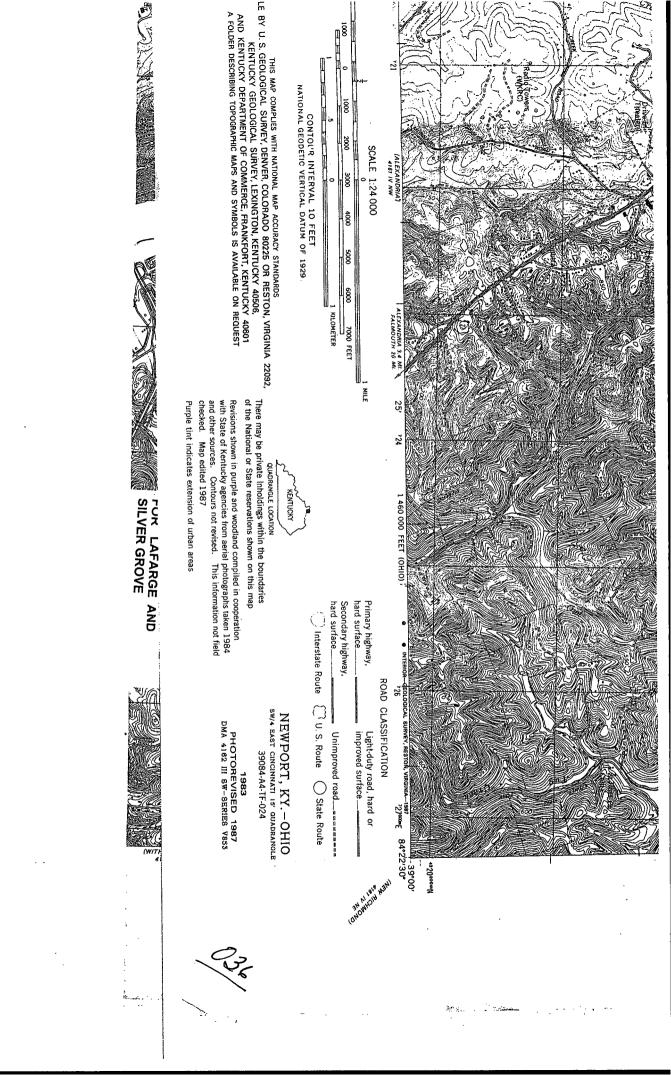


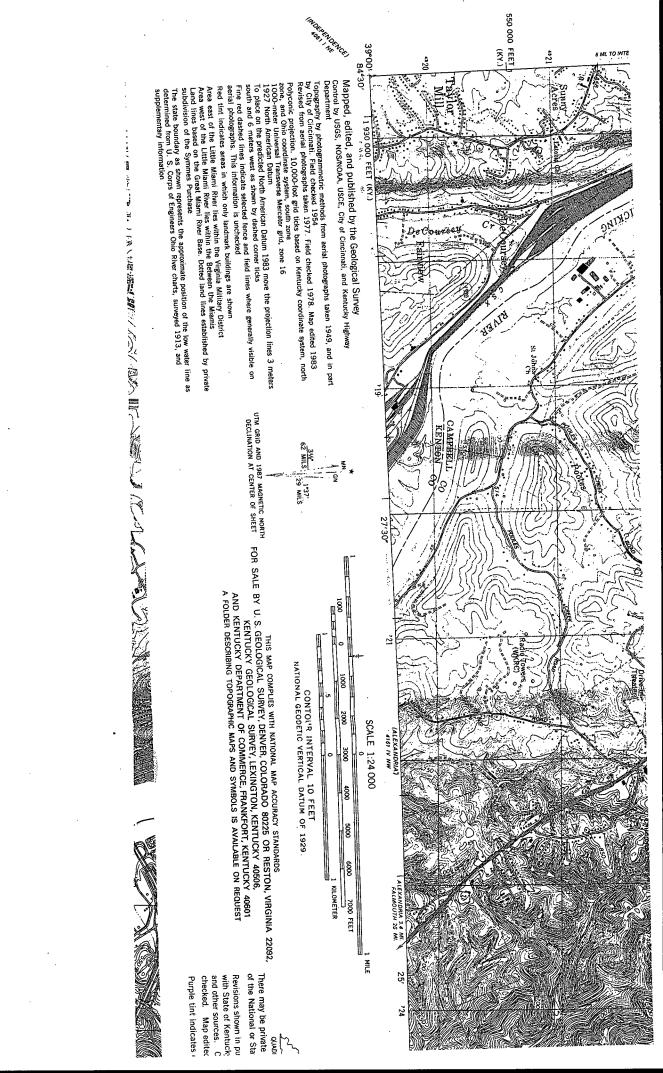


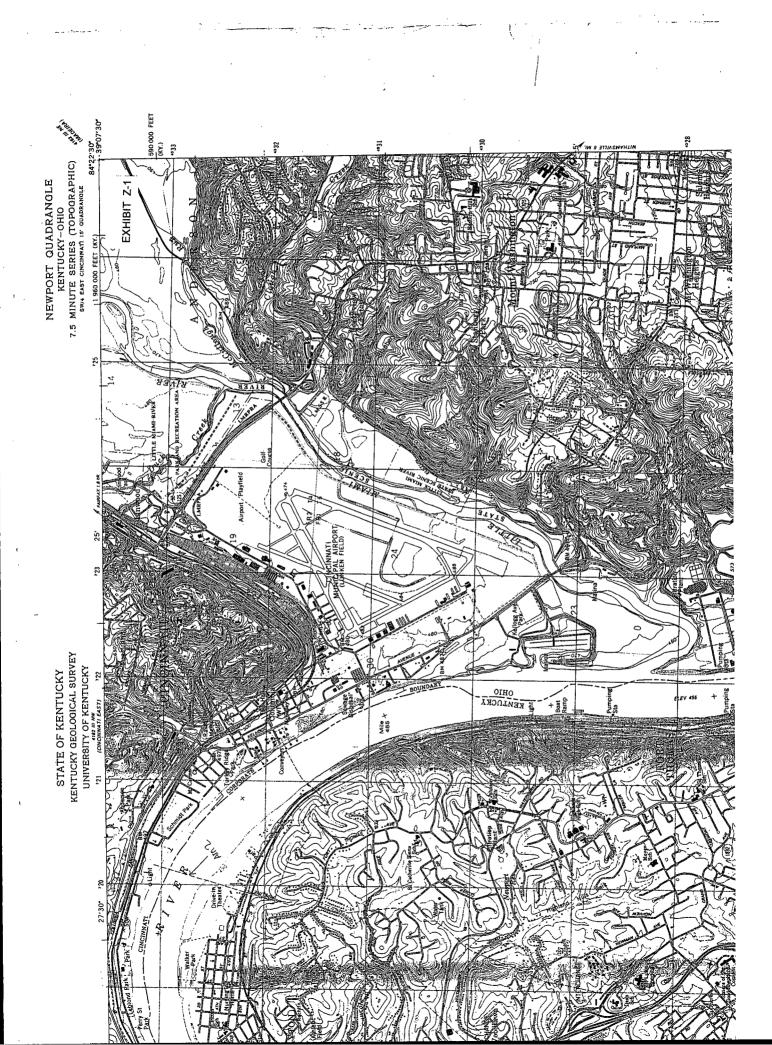


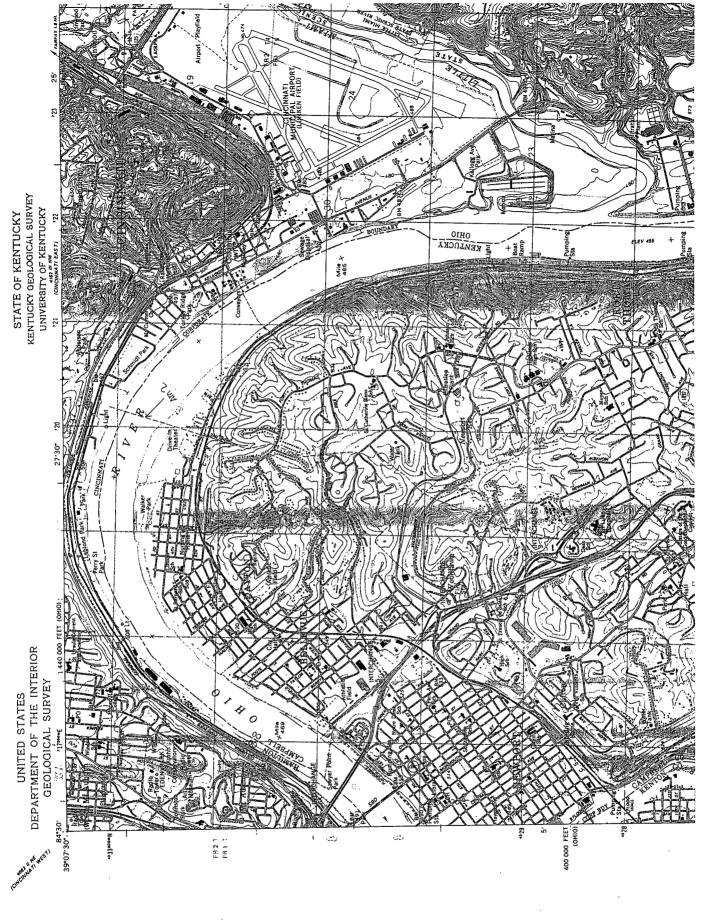


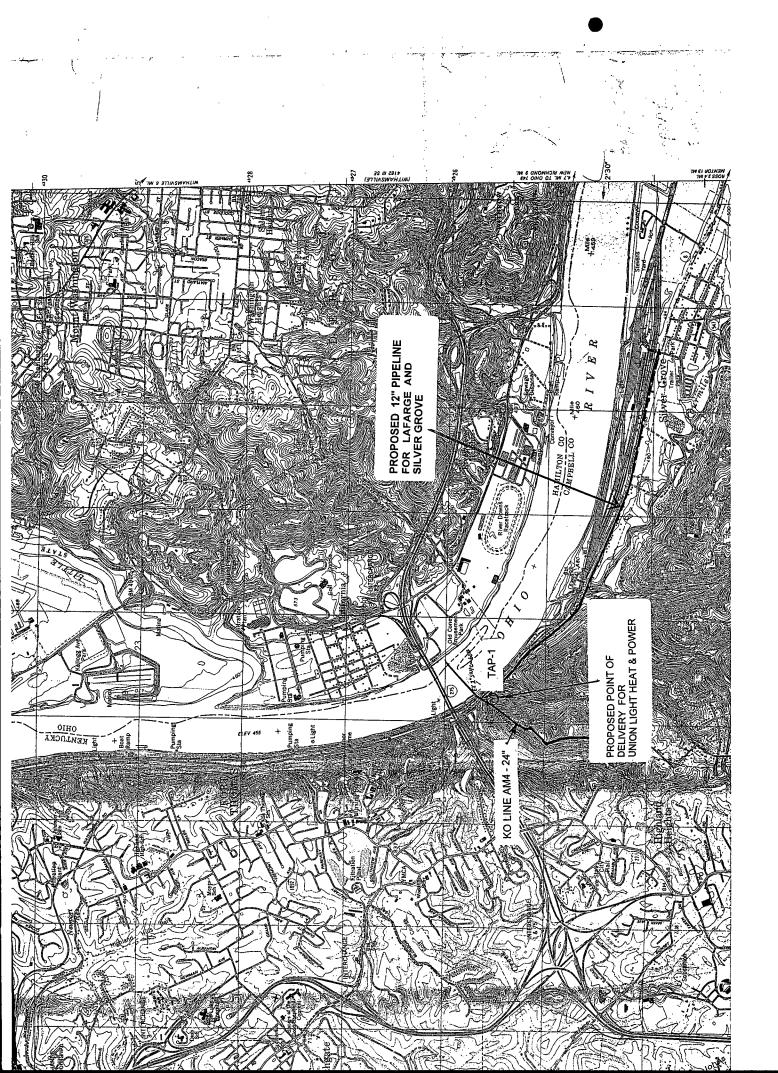
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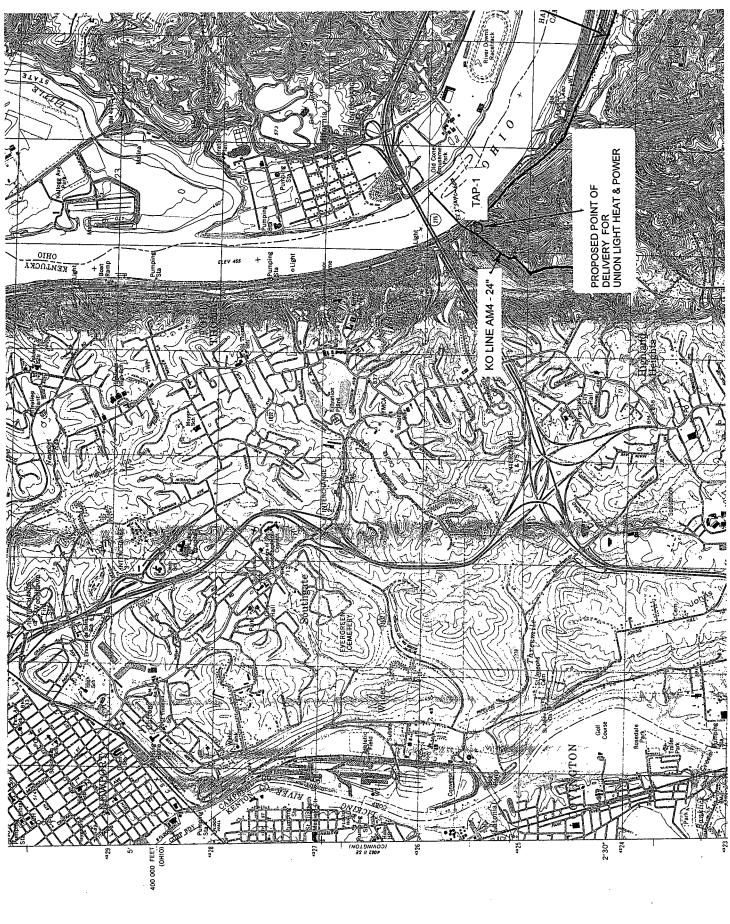






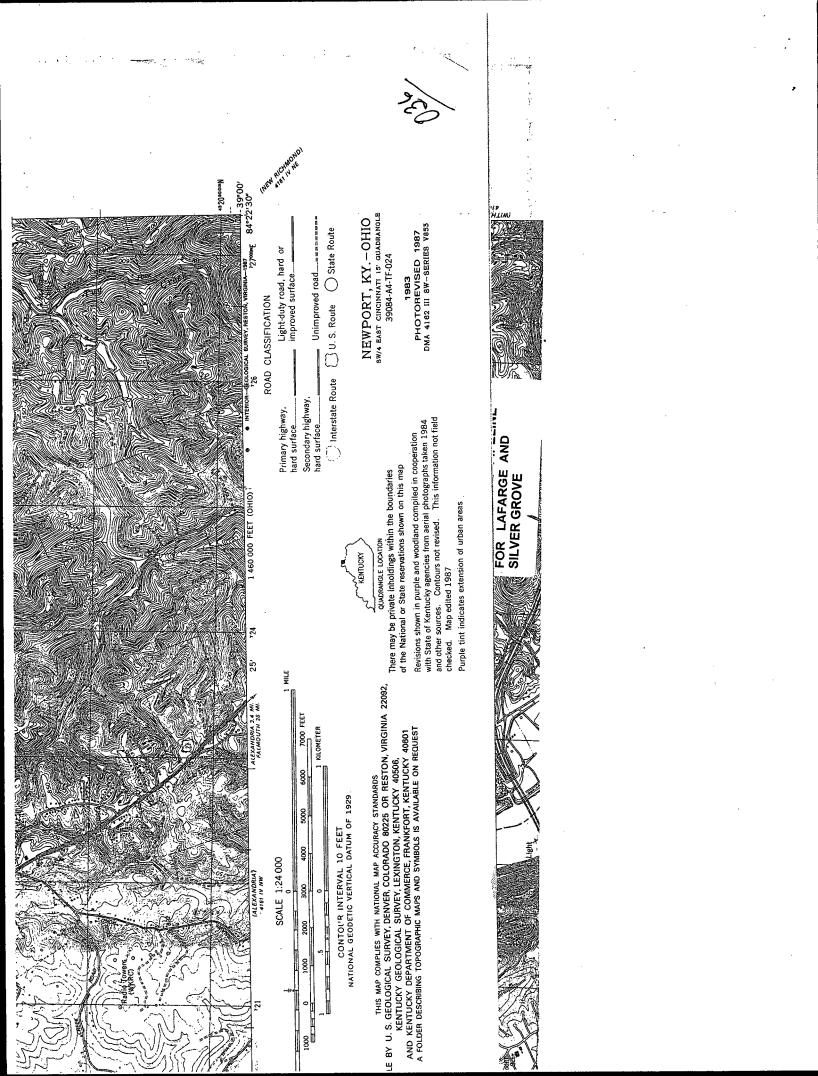


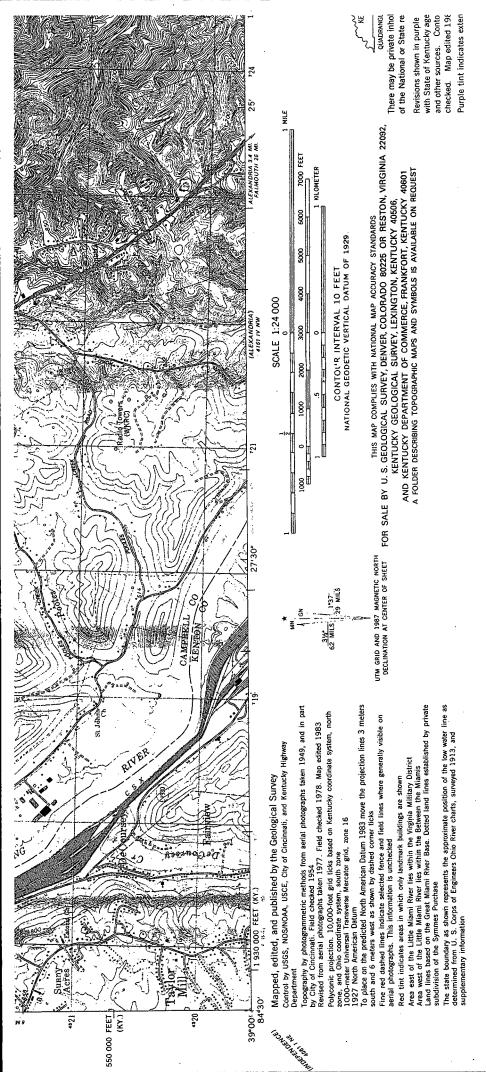




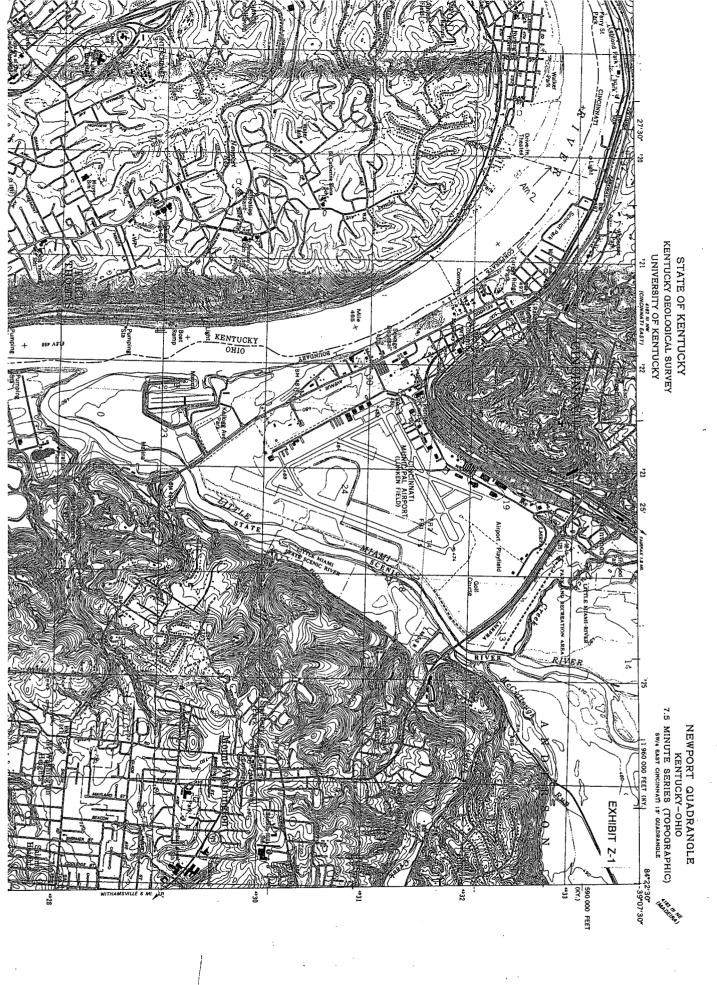






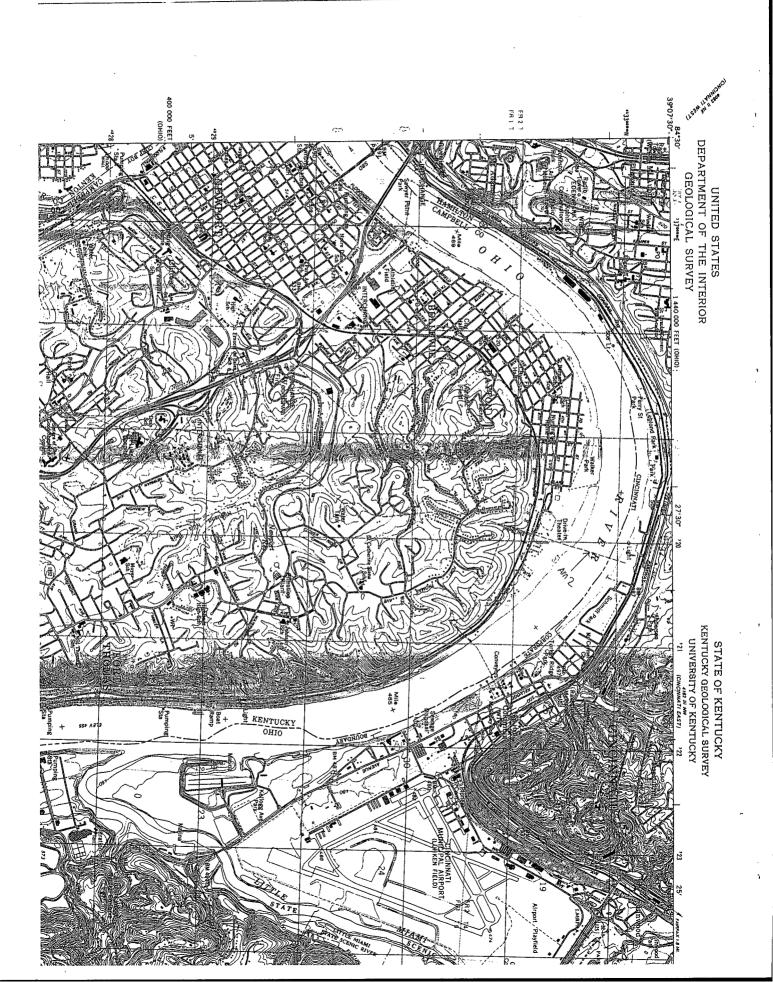


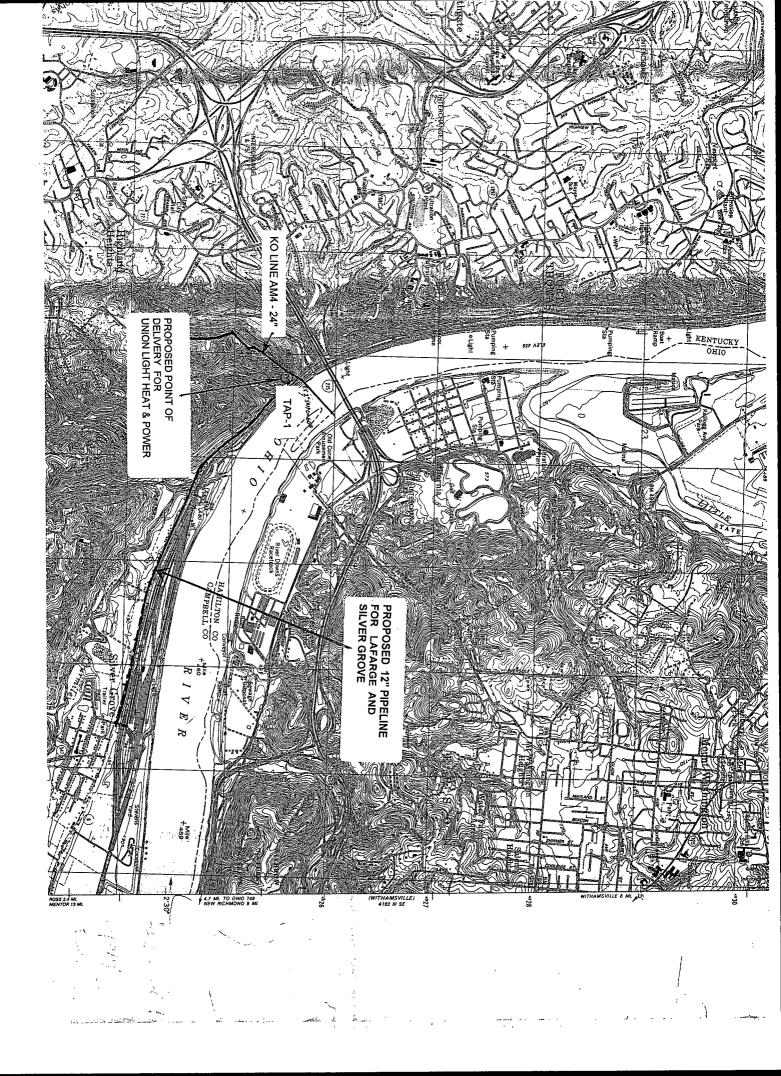


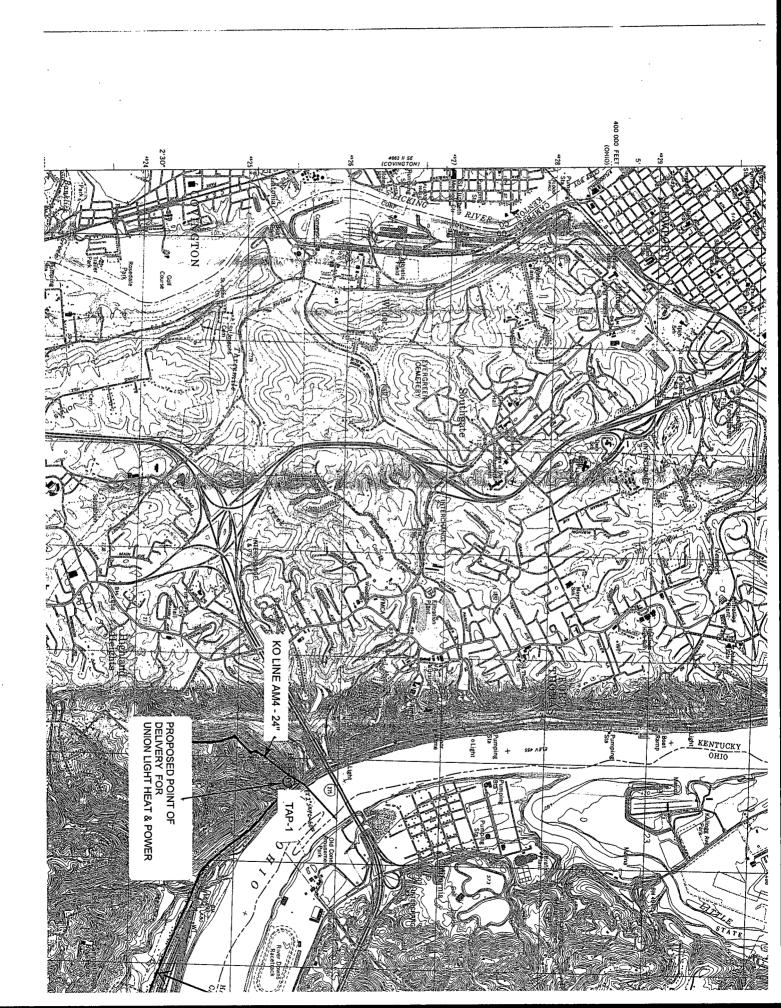


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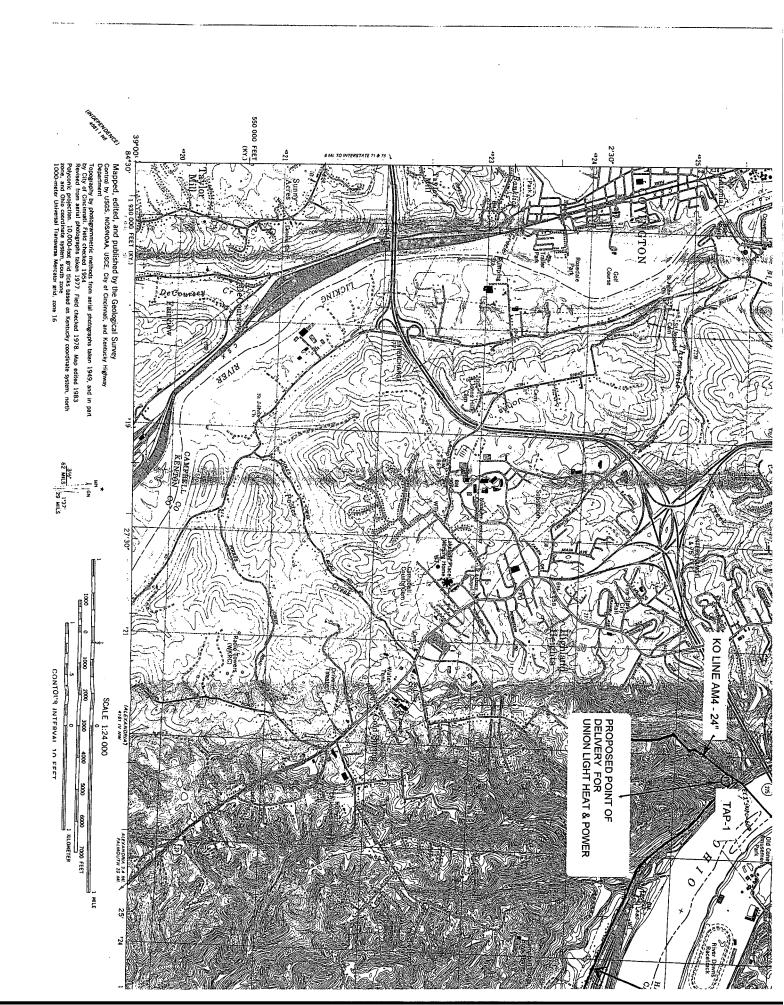
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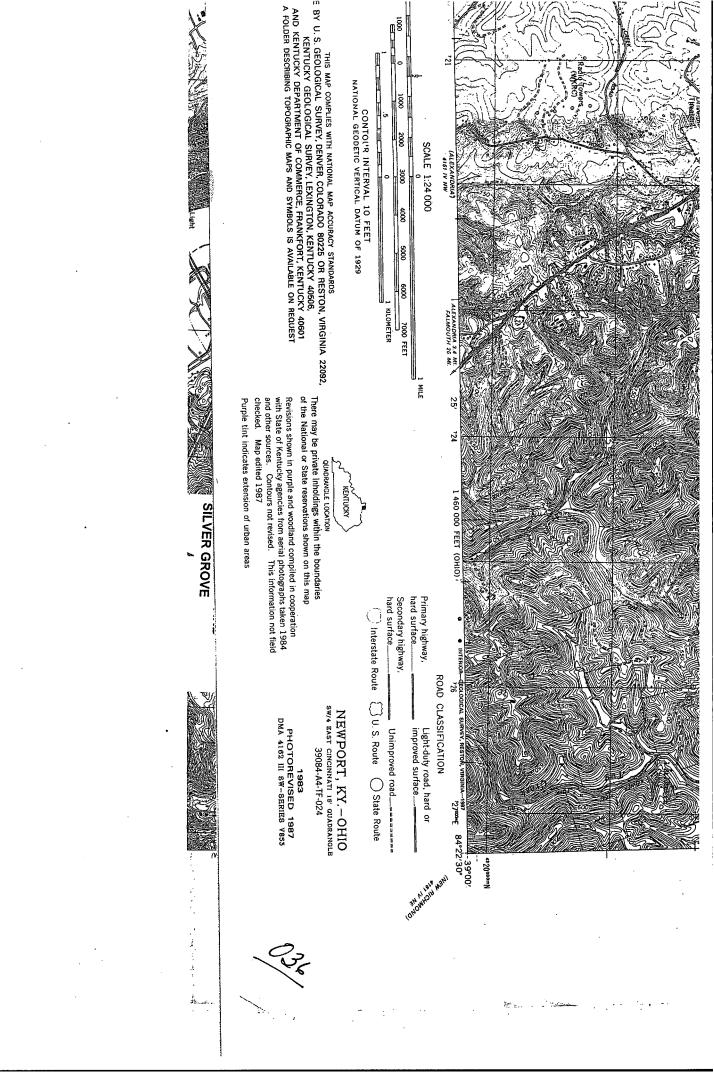


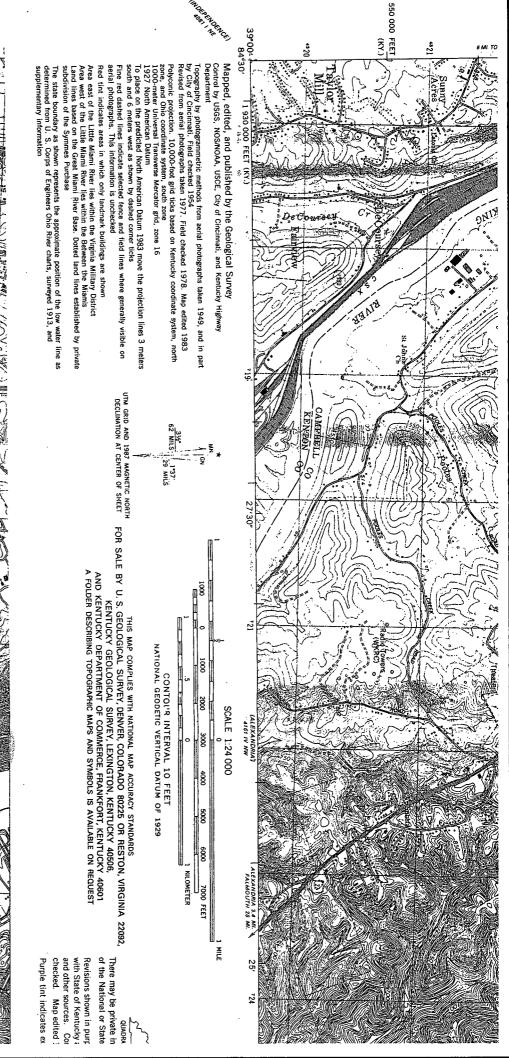












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KY. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS OF : 04/27/00



IN THE MATTER OF THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

SEQ NBR	ENTRY DATE	REMARKS
0002	08/17/1999	Acknowledgement letter.
0003	08/31/1999	Final Order denying req. to construct,own & oper., & gr. C/N to bid on franchise
M0001	03/24/2000	JOHN FINNIGAN CINERGY-RESPONSE TO ORDER OF AUG 31,99



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March 22, 2000

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Honorable Martin J. Huelsmann Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

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P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602
Re: Case No. 1999-339

In the Matter of: THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY
APPLICATION FOR APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Dear Executive Director Huelsmann:

Pursuant to Commission Order issued August 31, 1999 and First Reminder Letter received March 22, 2000, enclosed for filing in the above captioned case are two copies of the franchise agreement granted to The Union Light, Heat and Power Company by the City of Silver Grove. Please date stamp and return the extra copy of this letter in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Please call me at 513-287-3601 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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JJF/nlb

Enclosures

John J. Finnigan, Jr. Senior Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. <u>99-10-01</u>

EXHIBIT A Consisting of 3 pages

GRANTING TO THE UNION, LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY A 20-YEAR FRANCHISE TO PLACE GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN PUBLIC STREETS AND PLACES OF THE CITY OF SILVER GROVE, KENTUCKY.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SILVER GROVE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City hereby grants to The Union, Light Heat and Power Company (Company), its successors and assigns, a franchise, consent, right and privilege for a period of 20 years starting from the date of passage and acceptance of this Ordinance to construct, reconstruct, erect, extend, operate, maintain, repair, replace, and remove (collectively called install or installation) gas mains, pipelines, service lines, valves regulators, apparatus, fixtures, and equipment for the transmission and distribution of natural gas (collectively called facilities) within, along, over, under and across the public streets, alleys, ways, places, lands and ground of the City (Collectively called public property). Such transmission and distribution shall include the transmission and distribution of gas into, through, and out of the City. The Company shall not encumber public property by temporary obstructions or excavations any longer than shall be necessary in the accomplishment of such purposes. If during the franchise period the City constructs or relocates public property, sewer lines, water lines, or other utilities owned by it and located within the boundaries of any public property, and such construction or relocation interferes with the facilities of the company, the Company shall, within a reasonable time after receiving written request from the City Administrator, move or relocate the same within public property so as not to interfere therewith; but the Company shall not be required to terminate any service provided by its facilities.

Where such moving or relocation of the Company's facilities is required, the Company's right to be reimbursed for such moving or relocation will be determinated by the applicable law concerning reimbursement on the basis of governmental and proprietary activities of the City or any then current law. The Company shall have the right, without payment of fees, to remove any obstructions on public property which, in the opinion of the appropriate engineer of the Company, may endanger the safety of or interfere with the efficient installation, operation, and maintenance of the Company's facilities.

SECTION 2. The Company shall defend and indemnify the City against any suit or claim for any expense or liability whatsoever by reason of maintenance, or operation of its facilities. SECTION 3. The word City means City of Silver Grove, Kentucky, its successors and assigns, as it now exists or as changed through annexation, reduction of its boundaries, merger, consolidation, or other similar proceedings.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law, and upon written acceptance by The Union Light, Heat and Power Company filed with the Clerk of Council, shall become a binding contract according to its terms between the City and the Company.

PASSED: <u>reading 10-5-99</u> INd reading 10-6-99

VOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST: Katherine Wright

AUTHENTICATION

I, Katherine Wright, Clerk of the Council of the City of Silver

Grove, Kentucky do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 99-10-01 passed by Council of said City on the 6²³ day of other order of the last of the said City.

Katherine Wright

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