

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION AND PETITION OF THE BULLOCK )	
PEN WATER DISTRICT OF GRANT, BOONE AND )	
PENDLETON COUNTIES, KENTUCKY, FOR (1) )	
APPROVAL OF A PLAN TO METER ALL APART- )	CASE NO. 7565
MENT DWELLERS INDIVIDUALLY AND (2) BILL )	
SAID APARTMENT DWELLERS PURSUANT TO THE )	
METERING )	

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Preface

On Septmeber 4, 1979, Bullock Pen Water District, hereinafter referred to as the Utility, filed with the Commission its duly verified application seeking approval to individually meter and bill all apartment dwellers receiving service from the Utility.

The matter was set for hearing at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, on November 8, 1979. All parties of interest were notified and the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office was permitted to intervene in this matter.

The Utility requested a continuance of this matter in order to adequately inform the residents and affected parties involved in the matter. On December 28, 1979, the Commission ordered that the matter be set for further hearing on January 25, 1980.

Pursuant to the conclusion that the record is complete, the entire matter is now considered to be fully submitted for a final determination by this Commission.

Findings In This Matter

The Commission, after consideration of the application and all evidence of record, and being advised, is of the opinion and finds:

1. That the Utility is sensitive to the argument of discriminatory rate making for service to apartment dwellers versus service to homeowners, or mobile homeowners.

2. That the apartment landlords could not accurately determine the gallonage used without remetering and replumbing each apartment building. Further, that the cost to remeter and replumb an apartment building would be borne by the landlord.

3. That the Utility at the time service was provided to the existing apartments, agreed to the current metering and billing methods. Further, that the Commission finds the Utility is obligated to continue this method for each apartment building presently being served by the Utility.

4. That the Utility may require any new apartment building that is to be connected for water service after the date of this Order to be singly metered for each individual apartment.

Orders In This Matter

The Commission, on the basis of the matter hereinbefore set forth and the evidentiary record in this case:

HEREBY ORDERS that the Application and Petition of the Utility be denied for existing apartment dwellers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Utility may singly meter each apartment in any new apartments to be connected for service after the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of July, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
CHAIRMAN

  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY