COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

BILL WHITLOCK, CATLETTSBURG,) KENTUCKY, TO DEVIATE FROM) COMMISSION REGULATION) 807 KAR 5:026E, SECTION 6,) SUBSECTION 6)

CASE NO. 8327

ORDER

On September 1, 1981, Bill Whitlock, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, filed a letter with the Commission requesting authority to use 1-1/4 inch plastic pipe in the construction of a service line to his property from a line of the Inland Gas Company.

The Commission decided to treat this letter as an application requesting authority to deviate from the provisions of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026E, Section 6, Subsection 6.

A member of the Commission staff inspected the proposed location of the service line and found that it would be possible to bury the line to a sufficient depth to prevent damage to same by various digging activities and recommended the granting of the requested authority.

The Commission, having considered the application, all evidence of record and being fully advised, is of the opinion and finds that: 1. A hearing to consider the merits of the application will not be necessary.

2. Mr. Whitlock should be granted permission to use 1-1/4 inch plastic pipe in lieu of black steel pipe provided the pipe is of an approved type and the entire service line is buried a minimum of 36 inches.

3. The completed service line installation should be inspected by Commission staff members prior to the filling of the ditch.

4. Mr. Whitlock should notify the Commission when construction is sufficiently completed to allow for the above inspection.

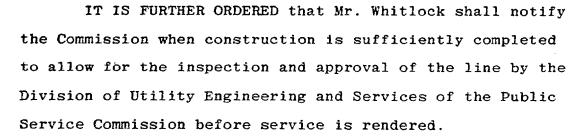
5. The plastic pipe should be installed by persons who qualify under O.P.S.O. requirements.

6. This service line should be used only to serve one dwelling as required by state law.

7. Mr. Whitlock should meet all other requirements of Public Service Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026E, Section 6, in his installations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Bill Whitlock be and he hereby is granted authority to deviate from Public Service Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026E, Section 6, Subsection 6, and install 1-1/4 inch plastic pipe of an approved type for his service line, said pipe to be buried a minimum of 36 inches.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of September 1981. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary