

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

APPLICATION OF THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND ) POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC ) CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO BID ON A GAS ) FRANCHISE IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, ) COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )

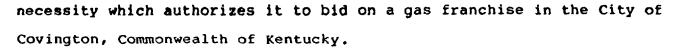
CASE NO. 8902

## ORDER

On September 15, 1983, Union Light, Heat and Power Company filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on a gas franchise from the City of Covington, Commonwealth of Kentucky. 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 finds that there is a need and demand for gas service in the City of Covington, Commonwealth of Kentucky. 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 validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by said city or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Union Light, Heat and Power Company be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and



IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Union Light, Heat and Power Company, if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of the said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 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 21st day of September, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Did not participate Vice Chairman

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ATTEST:

Secretary