

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS)
OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ISSUANCE OF)
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO BID ON A GAS DIS-)
TRIBUTION FRANCHISE IN THE CORPORA-)
TION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RAVENNA,)
KENTUCKY)

CASE NO. 8952

O R D E R

On December 27, 1983, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., filed its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on a gas franchise from the City of Ravenna, Kentucky. KRS 278.020(3) provides that no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Commission based on the Commission's 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 Ravenna, 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.



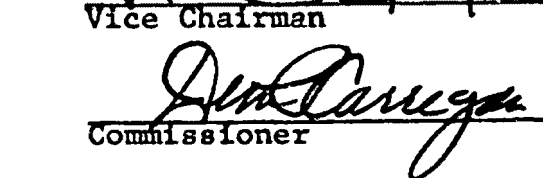
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on a gas franchise in the City of Ravenna, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., should it become the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of the franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of December, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary