COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS) AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR) CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE) AND NECESSITY FOR FRANCHISES) IN CERTAIN CITIES IN ITS) SERVICE AREA)

CASE NO. 8954

ORDER

On December 19, 1983, Louisville Gas and Electric Company filed its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on gas and electric franchises from the municipalities of Blue Ridge Manor, Hurstbourne, and Murray Hill, 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 electric and gas service in the municipalities of Blue Ridge Manor, Hurstbourne, and Murray Hill, 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 franchises offered by said municipalities or the manner in which any franchise fees are to be treated for rate purposes. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That Louisville Gas and Electric Company be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on gas and electric franchises in the municipalities of Blue Ridge Manor, Hurstbourne, and Murray Hill, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Louisville Gas and Electric Company, should it become the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of each of the franchises.

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 the 29th day of December, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION rairman Vice Chairman Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary