

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF LOUISVILLE GAS)
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY MODIFYING GAS) CASE NO. 9697
SERVICE RESTRICTIONS)

O R D E R

On September 24, 1986, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") filed a request for exemption from a requirement included in a previous Order issued by the Commission on October 11, 1979, in Case No. 7586. In that proceeding the Commission issued an Order which lifted the restrictions on gas connections with the stipulation that LG&E require all such applicants for gas service to sign a statement certifying that the structure for which service is sought complies with the minimum thermal resistance standards of the Building Officials and Code Administrators ("BOCA") Basic Energy Conservation Code.

In order for the Commission to adequately review this request, the Commission finds that additional information is required. The information requested herein is due no later than November 21, 1986. If the information cannot be provided by this date, LG&E should submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and include a date by which it will be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission.

1. What percentage of the total number of LG&E's customers are located in Jefferson County?

2. Of those customers who reside outside of Jefferson County, in which counties are they located?

3. The Commonwealth of Kentucky has adopted the Council of American Building Officials Model Energy Code as recommended by BOCA. All structures in Kentucky must meet the energy conservation requirements in the Model Energy Code except that one- and two-family structures are exempt.

a. Is it correct that the City of Louisville has passed an ordinance which includes one- and two-family structures within the Model Energy Code?

b. If yes, is this requirement countywide, or has Jefferson County Fiscal Court passed a similar measure?

4. Has a similar ordinance or other measure been passed by a city or county government in any of the counties listed in answer to Question 2? If yes, which cities and counties?

5. In its request for exemption LG&E states that the requirement for obtaining certification of compliance with thermal protection standards prior to initiating service is "costly and administratively burdensome."

a. For each year 1981-85, provide the costs incurred by LG&E directly related to the certification of compliance requirement. What do these costs represent?

b. How has the requirement to obtain a certificate of compliance been administratively burdensome? Has this burden increased since 1981? In what manner?

6. In its request for exemption LG&E states that "adequate economic incentives currently exist...to encourage builders to thermally protect buildings to meet the BOCA standards." Describe these economic incentives.

7. Provide an example of "consumer educational advertising" related to conservation (Paragraph 7 of Request for Exemption).

8. What is the current status of LG&E's participation with Project Warm? What has been the nature of the participation?

9. Describe "similar public awareness endeavors" (Paragraph 7 of Request for Exemption).

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of November, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director