

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO) ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION 807 KAR 5:008) CASE NO. 317

AMENDED ORDER

On November 12, 1987, the Commission issued an Order in this case establishing a hearing on proposed amendments to the Commission regulation on Winter Hardship Reconnection of Residential Electric and Gas Services. That Order required that notice of the proposed amendments and hearing be published in the November, 1987, issue of the Kentucky Administrative Register. Due to the late filing of these proposed amendments with the Legislative Research Commission, notice of the proposed amendments and hearing cannot be published in the November issue of the Kentucky Administrative Register.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the notice of the proposed amendments to 807 KAR 5:008, attached hereto as Appendix A, and hearing be published in the December, 1987, issue of the Kentucky Administrative Register. All other provisions of the previous Order shall remain in effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 17th day of November, 1987.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For The Commission

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND REGULATION CABINET
Public Service Commission

807 KAR 5:008E. Winter hardship reconnection of residential electric and gas service.

RELATES TO: KRS Chapter 278

PURSUANT TO: KRS 278.280(2)

NECESSITY AND FUNCTION: KRS 278.280(2) provides that the commission shall prescribe rules for the performance of any service or the furnishing of any commodity by any utility. This regulation establishes a reconnection rule which applies to electric and gas utility service during the winter months in hardship situations.

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provision of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11(5) to the contrary, an electric or gas utility shall reconnect service to a residential customer who has been previously disconnected for nonpayment of bills [during the fifteen (15) months] prior to application for reconnection pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11(2)(a) and who applies for such reconnection of service during the months from November through March when the customer or his or her agent:

(1) Presents a certificate of need from the Department for Social Insurance including a certification that a referral for weatherization services has been made in accordance with Section 3 of this regulation;

(2) Pays one-third (1/3) of his or her outstanding bill or \$200, whichever is less; and

(3) Agrees to a repayment schedule which would permit the customer to become current in the payment of his or her electric or gas bill as soon as possible but no later than October 15 provided, however, that if, at the time of application for reconnection, the customer has an outstanding bill in excess of \$600 and agrees to a repayment plan that would pay current charges and makes a good faith reduction in the outstanding bill consistent with his or her ability to pay, then such plan shall be accepted. In addition to payment of current charges, repayment schedules shall provide an option to the customer to select either one payment of arrearages per month or more than one payment of arrearages per month.

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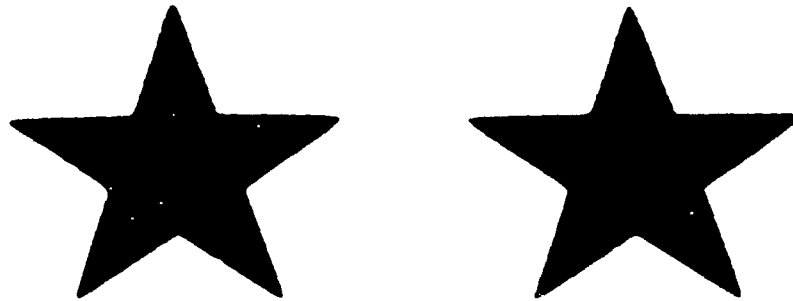
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Approved as to form and certified in conformity with KRS 13A.220(2)
and (3):

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10/29/87
Date

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

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(Proposed Amendment)

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REGULATIONS COMPILER

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A public hearing on this proposed amendment has been scheduled to take place on Monday, December 21, 1987, at 9:30 a.m. (EST) in the Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky. Persons interested in attending this hearing should submit written notification of such by December 14, 1987. If a written notice of intent to testify is not received on or before this deadline, the hearing will be cancelled. To assure an accurate record, the Commission requests that each person who testifies at the hearing provide the Commission with a written copy of his or her testimony.

Written comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted at any time prior to the hearing. Written comments and written requests to attend or testify at the hearing must be submitted to:

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