

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE REQUEST OF MR. S. LEE SIMS FOR)
PERMISSION TO DEVIATE FROM THE) CASE NO. 10137
PROVISION OF TITLE 807 KAR 5:046)

O R D E R

On December 28, 1987, the Commission received a letter from Mr. S. Lee Sims requesting permission to deviate from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:046, Prohibition of Master Metering, for his property at 255 Lyndhurst, Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Sims stated that a savings of \$4,200 could be achieved if master metering, instead of individual metering, is permitted.

An Order was issued on January 21, 1988, requesting Kentucky Utilities Company's ("KU") comments on this matter. KU filed its comments on February 4, 1988. KU estimates that the savings achieved by permitting master metering of Mr. Sims' property would be greater than \$5,400. KU, therefore, does not object to the Commission granting a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:046.

FINDINGS AND ORDER

The Commission, after review of the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. The cost difference between individual metering and master metering makes it more economical to master meter his apartment building.

2. The existing wiring is essentially a maze. One metered fuse box, which contains only two screw-in fuses, may serve as many as two apartments, thus, creating a potentially unsafe condition.

3. Mr. Sims intends to remove the existing individual meters and fuse boxes and replace them with modern breaker-type distribution panels which will provide a safer and more efficient electrical distribution to the apartments. The new distribution scheme will better comply with all electrical codes.

4. Mr. Sims currently pays for the electric use in his apartment building and will continue to do so.

5. KU does not object to the Commission granting a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:046.

6. Mr. Sims should be granted a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:046 and allowed to master meter his apartment building located at 255 Lyndhurst, Lexington, Kentucky.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, Mr. S. Lee Sims be and hereby is granted a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:046 and may master meter his apartment building located at 255 Lyndhurst, Lexington, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of February, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director