

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DANVILLE FRIENDS RETIREMENT HOUSING, INC.)	
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COMPLAINANT)	
)	
V.)	CASE NO.
)	89-247
)	
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

O R D E R

Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") has requested that it be excused from further participation in this case except to provide such information as the Commission deems necessary. It states that it is "willing to have the matter determined on the basis of the presentation by the Complainant of its case."¹ For reasons stated herein, the Commission grants KU's request.

On September 28, 1989, Danville Friends Retirement Housing, Inc. ("Danville Friends") filed a complaint against KU alleging that KU refuses to provide electricity through a master meter to a multi-unit retirement facility which it plans to construct. Danville Friends further alleges that KU bases its refusal on

¹ Answer of KU, page 3.

Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:046. Danville Friends seeks an Order authorizing installation of a single master electric meter at its proposed residential retirement facility. In its answer, KU admits these allegations.

Although styled as a formal complaint action, this case is essentially an application for a waiver from the general prohibition against master metering found in Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:046. That regulation requires individual metering for nontransient multi-dwelling unit residential buildings. Electric utilities are allowed no discretion to provide master metered service. If a customer desires such service, he must file a formal complaint against the utility to obtain Commission authorization for the service. 807 KAR 5:046, Section 4.

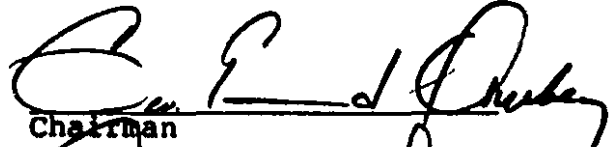
By requiring requests for master metered service to be made as formal complaints, the regulation ensures that electric utilities have notice of the request and will be afforded an opportunity to participate in Commission proceedings on the request. It does not, however, dictate the utility's level of participation in such proceedings nor does it require the utility to participate. Therefore, if KU has determined that its interests in this case are not significant enough to warrant its active participation, the Commission will not require such participation.

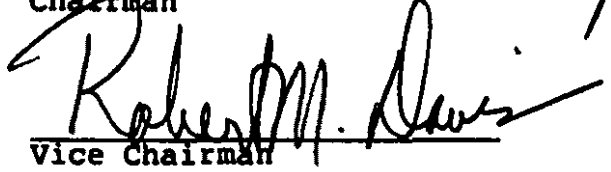
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that KU is excused from these proceedings except to provide such information as may be required for the proper adjudication of this case and to appear at any

hearing where its appearance is deemed by the Commission to be necessary for the proper adjudication of this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of November, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director