

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE PETITION OF SENTRA CORPORATION)	
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ACCEPT)	CASE NO. 99-483
A FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS)	
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GAMALIEL, KENTUCKY))	

O R D E R

On November 23, 1999, Sentra Corporation ("Sentra") filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to qualify Sentra to obtain a gas franchise offered by the city of Gamaliel, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for or obtain any franchise from any city or other governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on its finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

Based upon the application and the copy of the franchise ordinance of the city of Gamaliel attached thereto, the Commission finds that there is a need and demand for gas service in Gamaliel, Kentucky. The Commission finds that the application is to obtain a franchise that was enacted on June 2, 1998. A Resolution of the city of Gamaliel, dated November 2, 1999, reinstates the franchise that had expired by operation of law.

The Commission is concerned that Sentra failed to file its application until after the franchise had been obtained. However, given the Commission's finding that gas

service is demanded and needed by the city of Gamaliel, and given the fact that Sentra has submitted its application prior to providing service, the certificate should nonetheless be granted.

The Commission's authority in such matters, pursuant to statute, is to find whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered. Therefore, no finding or determination is made as to the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by said city or the manner in which any franchise is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Sentra is hereby granted a certificate of convenience and necessity, authorizing it to obtain a gas franchise in the city of Gamaliel, Kentucky.
2. If Sentra becomes the successful franchisee, it shall file with this Commission two copies of the franchise agreement.
3. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in Gamaliel, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director