COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS

OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ISSUANCE OF

A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

AND NECESSITY TO BID ON A GAS

DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE IN THE

CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY

OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY.

CASE NO. 8095

ORDER

On the 16th day of December, 1980, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to bid on a franchise offered by the City of Winchester. A public hearing on the application was held on February 4, 1981.

Upon examination of the Application, proof, and exhibits, the Commission, being advised, finds that there is a need and demand for gas service within the corporation limits of Winchester. It is the Commission's construction of the applicable statute that its consideration of this application is limited to a determination of whether a need and demand exists for the service sought to be rendered.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. be and it hereby is authorized to bid on a franchise offered by the City of Winchester.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in the corporation limits of Winchester.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day
of February, 1981.
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION Vice Chairman Commissioner
ATTEST:

Richard D. Heman, Jr. Secretary