

In the case presented by your inquiry, there is no question as to the term of the contract. Both by its express terms and by operation of law, such contract terminates at the end of ten years and under such circumstances, it is believed there is no obligation upon the public utility to continue service.

Specifically answering your questions, it is my opinion that:

1. Under the provisions of Section 3436, General Code, and its related sections, township trustees have no power to enter into a contract for the lighting of unincorporated districts for any period beyond ten years.

2. In the event it is desired to maintain such lighting district after the expiration of an existing contract, it is necessary to follow the procedure provided for in Sections 3428, et seq., General Code, for the creation of a new lighting district in order to make a new contract.

3. When such a contract is terminated, under such circumstances as are above described, there is no duty upon a public utility to continue service beyond the time required in the contract.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, NOTES OF MADISON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO—\$25,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 27, 1929.

*Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.*

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APPROVAL, LEASE OF LAND IN MADISON COUNTY FOR USE OF THE LONDON PRISON FARM, LONDON, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 29, 1929.

HON. H. H. GRISWOLD, *Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date submitting for my examination and approval a certain lease in triplicate executed by one R. W. Boyd, leasing and demising to you as Director of the Department of Public Welfare, a certain tract of one hundred acres of pasture land to be used in connection with the London Prison Farm, near London, Ohio. The term of said lease is from March 1, 1929, to January 1, 1930, and the rental to be paid is the sum of \$500.00.

Under the provisions of Section 1848, General Code, you, as successor in powers of the board of administration, are authorized to lease lands for purposes of this