

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF THE MONROE COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT FOR THE APPROVAL OF)	CASE NO.
THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES)	2011-00272
FOR WATER SERVICE)	

O R D E R

On August 15, 2011, Monroe County Water District ("Monroe County") tendered its application for an adjustment of its rates for water service. In its application, Monroe County requested a wavier from 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(6)(b), which requires the submission of written testimony. In support of its request, Monroe County states that, as Commission Staff assisted in the preparation of the application, the Commission is fully aware of the water district's needs and that any written testimony would provide little information not already contained in its application.

Having reviewed the application and request for deviation and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Good cause exists to permit Monroe County to deviate from 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(6)(b).
2. In all other respects, Monroe County's application now meets the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10, and should be considered filed as of August 15, 2011.
3. KRS 278.180(1) requires a utility to provide the Commission with thirty (30) days' notice of any change in rates and to state plainly in such notice the time when the changed rates will go into effect.

4. As Monroe County has not provided the Commission with notice regarding the effective date that the proposed rates would take effect, it may not place the proposed rates into effect until complying with KRS 278.180(1).

5. A proceeding should be established to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Monroe County's request to deviate from 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(6)(b), is granted.

2. Monroe County's application is considered filed as of August 15, 2011.

3. No later than November 3, 2011, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a report containing its findings and recommendations on Monroe County's application.

4. The parties shall file with the Commission their written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission Staff Report no later than November 17, 2011, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier. Any party may file with such submission any additional evidence for the Commission's consideration.

5. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff Report by November 17, 2011, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed as agreement with that finding or recommendation.

6. No later than November 17, 2011, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, each party shall notify the

Commission in writing whether this matter may be submitted for decision based upon the existing record without hearing.

7. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, an informal conference shall be held in this matter on November 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

8. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, a formal hearing in this matter shall be held on December 8, 2011 beginning at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

9. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than December 1, 2011, a list of the persons it intends to call as witnesses at the scheduled hearing and a summary of each witness's testimony.


10. Monroe County shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5), no later than December 1, 2011.

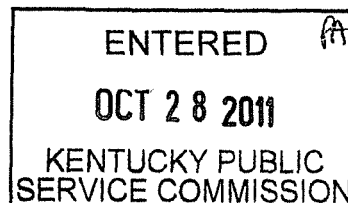
11. Pursuant to KRS 278.360, the record on the formal hearing in this matter shall be by videotape.

12. Commission Staff shall make a written exhibit list and shall file this list with the Commission with all exhibits and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director



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