

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF EAST DAVIESS COUNTY)	CASE NO.
WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR A)	2014-00167
PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT)	

ORDER

On May 20, 2014, East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. ("East Daviess") filed an application for a purchased water adjustment with an effective date of June 1, 2014.¹ In the cover letter with the application, East Daviess requests a deviation² from the requirement of publication of the water rate increase in the local newspaper.

East Daviess requests the deviation due to the cost of the publication. The utility intends to notify its customers "on the monthly water bill."³

East Daviess has approximately 4,400 customers in Daviess, Hancock, and Ohio counties.⁴ Under 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(2), East Daviess may provide notice by including the notice with customer bills, mailing a notice to each customer, or publishing notice one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area. The notice must be provided no later than the issuance of the first bill at the increased rate. 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(4) specifies the required content of the notice.

¹ The utility verbally indicated that the rate increase will be reflected in the bills issued during August 2014.

² 807 KAR 5:068, Section 8 allows a party to request a deviation from the requirements of the regulation.

³ Letter from East Daviess to Jeff Derouen, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Executive Director, May 20, 2014.

⁴ Annual Report of East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. to the Public Service Commission for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2012 at 12 and 48.

Having reviewed East Daviess's request for a deviation from the requirement of publication of the rate increase, the Commission finds that a deviation is not needed to include on each customer's monthly water bill a notice of the rate adjustment. Including notice with customer bills is expressly authorized by 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(2)(b). However, the notice to be included on customer bills must include all of the information required by 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(4) relating to the content of the notice. In addition, if notice of the rate adjustment is mailed, the utility must provide an affidavit verifying the contents of the notice, that notice was mailed, and the date of mailing, as required by 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(3).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. East Daviess is authorized to include a notice of the rate adjustment on customer bills as provided by 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(2)(b).
2. No later than the issuance of the first bill at the increased rates, East Daviess shall issue a notice containing the information in 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(4) and shall file within 30 days of the date of this Order the affidavit required by 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(3).

By the Commission
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Executive Director

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