

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING OF EASTERN)	CASE NO.
ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.)	2014-00385

ORDER

On October 1, 2014, Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. ("Eastern Rockcastle Association") tendered an application through the Commission's tariff filing system seeking to increase Eastern Rockcastle Association's meter read fee from \$5 to \$35. This application was assigned tariff filing system number TFS 2014-00577. Eastern Rockcastle Association's public notice¹ contained an incorrect percentage for the amount of increase in the meter read fee.

Eastern Rockcastle Association advised the Commission of its intention to place the proposed revisions into effect on December 1, 2014. KRS 278.180(1) states that no change shall be made by any utility in a rate except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. An application is not deemed filed until the application meets all applicable requirements of KRS Chapter 278 and 807 KAR Chapter 5.² Eastern Rockcastle Association's application to increase its meter read fee was accepted for filing on November 20, 2014, when it filed the corrected public notice. The 30-day period began to run on November 20, 2014, and the earliest date that the increased meter read fee can become effective is December 20, 2014.

¹ 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, requires publication of a notice to the utilities' customers.

² 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(9)(a).

On November 3, 2014, Eastern Rockcastle Association tendered an Alternative Rate Filing³ application to increase its water service rates with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2015. Eastern Rockcastle Association's public notice did not contain all the information required by 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(4). Eastern Rockcastle Association's application to increase its water service rates was accepted for filing on November 20, 2014, when it provided a copy of the corrected notice.

Having reviewed Eastern Rockcastle Association's application to revise its meter read fee, we find that further proceedings are necessary to determine its reasonableness and that those proceedings cannot be concluded prior to the December 20, 2014 effective date. Consequently, tariff filing number TFS 2014-00577 should be suspended for five months pursuant to KRS 278.190(2) and considered as part of Eastern Rockcastle Association's Alternative Rate Filing application in Case No. 2014-00385.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

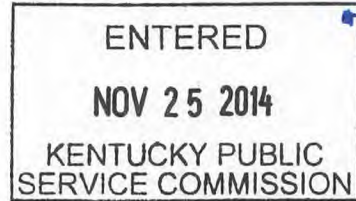
1. Eastern Rockcastle Association's application to revise the meter read fee is suspended for five months, up to and including May 20, 2015, and shall be investigated and considered as part of Eastern Rockcastle Association's Alternative Rate Filing application to increase its water service rates.

2. A copy of all documents filed by Eastern Rockcastle Association to revise its meter read fee shall be filed in the record with Eastern Rockcastle Association's Alternative Rate Filing application to increase its water service rates in Case No. 2014-00385.

³ 807 KAR 5:076.

3. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7, Eastern Rockcastle Association shall not place its proposed water service rates into effect until the Commission issues an order approving those rates or until six months from the date of filing its application, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



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