

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT FILING OF) CASE NO.
BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT) 2015-00088

ORDER

On March 19, 2015, Black Mountain Utility District (“Black Mountain”) applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. After Black Mountain corrected filing deficiencies, its application was accepted for filing on May 6, 2015. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Black Mountain’s application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS¹ that:

1. No later than August 5, 2015, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Black Mountain’s requested rate adjustment.

2. No later than August 19, 2015, or 14 days after the date of the filing of Commission Staff’s report, whichever occurs earlier, each party of record shall file with the Commission:

a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in Commission Staff’s report; and

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Black Mountain’s proposed rates for general water service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set for in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

c. If a party requests a hearing or informal conference, then the party shall make the request in its written comments and state the reason why a hearing or informal conference is necessary.

3. If Commission Staff finds that Black Mountain's financial condition supports a higher rate than Black Mountain proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Black Mountain's application, Black Mountain in its response to Commission Staff's report shall also state in writing its position on whether the Commission should authorize the assessment of the higher rate or the recommended additional rate or charge.

4. If Commission Staff recommends changes in the manner in which Black Mountain accounts for the depreciation of Black Mountain's assets, Black Mountain in its response to Commission Staff's report shall also state in writing its position on whether the Commission should require Black Mountain to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.

5. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in Commission Staff's report by August 19, 2015, or 14 days after the date of the filing of Commission Staff's report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding or recommendation.

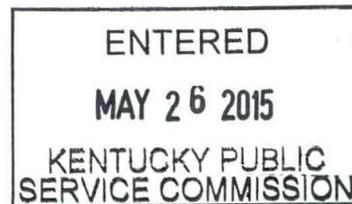
6. A party's failure to request a hearing or informal conference in the party's written response shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application and a request that the case stand submitted for decision.

7. A party's failure to file a written response by August 19, 2015, or 14 days after the date of the filing of Commission Staff's report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application.

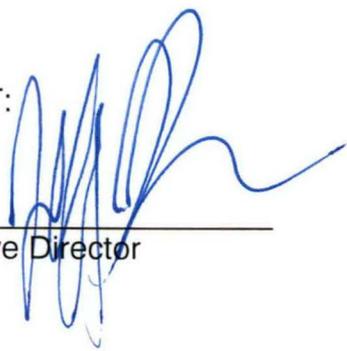
8. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than June 9, 2015.

9. A person who submits a motion to intervene after June 9, 2015, and upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



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