COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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KEVIN HEATH COPENHAVER)	
COMPLAINANT)	CASE NO.
V.)	2025-00040
NORTH SHELBY WATER COMPANY)	
DEFENDANT)	

ORDER

On February 18, 2025, Kevin Heath Copenhaver tendered a formal complaint with the Commission against North Shelby Water Company (North Shelby Water) concerning the assessment of late fees on his account for service at 2690 Elmburg Road, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

Pursuant to Commission regulation in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 20(4)(a), upon receipt of a formal complaint, the Commission must determine whether the complaint establishes a *prima facie* case. A complaint establishes a *prima facie* case when, on its face, it states sufficient allegations that, if uncontradicted by other evidence, would entitle the complainant to the requested relief. If a complaint fails to establish a *prima facie* case, it may be dismissed.

Based upon a review of the tendered complaint, the Commission is unable to determine at this time whether the complaint establishes a *prima facie* case, but the allegations support our further investigation into the merits of the complaint, including the

date of the bill that was sent to Mr. Copenhaver by North Shelby Water prior to the assessment of late fees.

The Commission finds that additional information is needed to assist the Commission in making a determination of whether the complaint establishes a *prima facie* case. Therefore, North Shelby Water should file its responses to Commission Staff's Request for Information, attached to this Order as Appendix A, on or before the date set forth by Commission Staff in the request.

A copy of Mr. Copenhaver's complaint is attached to this Order as Appendix B to inform North Shelby Water of the subject of the complaint and to assist in identifying Mr. Copenhaver 's account.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. A copy of this Order shall be served on North Shelby Water for the sole purpose of requesting necessary documents to assist the Commission in determining whether the complaint establishes a *prima facie* case.
- 2. North Shelby Water shall respond to Commission Staff's Request for Information as provided in Appendix A attached to this Order.
- 3. A copy of this Order shall be served on the Complainant, Kevin Heath Copenhaver, by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested at 2690 Elmburg Road, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.
- Any responses filed by North Shelby Water shall be mailed to Mr. Copenhaver at the address set forth in ordering paragraph 3.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00040 DATED MAR 11 2025

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO NORTH SHELBY WATER COMPANY

North Shelby Water Company (North Shelby Water), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on March 28, 2025. The Commission directs North Shelby Water to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

North Shelby Water shall make timely amendment to any prior response if North Shelby Water obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID- 19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

when made or, though correct and complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which North Shelby Water fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, North Shelby Water shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, North Shelby Water shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

- 1. Refer to North Shelby Water's Tariff Sheet 6.² Provide the day that the bills and the termination notice relevant to this complaint were mailed.
- 2. Identify any portion of North Shelby Water's Tariff that may provide the utility discretion to grant the removal of late fees.
- 3. Provide copies of all communications regarding water service to 2690 Elmburg Road, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065, between Kevin Heath Copenhaver and North Shelby Water, including but not limited to bills, five-day written notice for involuntary termination of service, email messages, written communications, and notes of telephonic

² P.S.C. Ky. No. 2, Sheet 6 (issued Dec. 15, 2023) effective Dec. 20, 2023.

or other oral communications concerning North Shelby Water assessing a late fee for service at 2690 Elmburg Road, Shelbyville, Kentucky in January 2025.

4. All other information that North Shelby Water deems relevant to the matters raised in Kevin Heath Copenhaver's Complaint.

APPENDIX B

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TWO PAGES TO FOLLOW

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMISSION

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LAUN HOOM COPENHAVE	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION				
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VS.					
North Shelby WATER. (Name of Utility) DEFENDANT					
COMPLAINT					
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2690 BLUBURG RD Shelbyurle, K	tr 40065				
(b) North Shelby Water Co. P.O. Box 97 BA6DAD, KY 40003 (Address of Utility)					
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^{*}Complaints by corporations or associations, or any other organisation having the right to file a complaint, must be signed by its attorney and show his post office address. No oral or unsigned complaints will be entertained or acted upon by the commission.

*Kevin Copenhaver 2690 Elmburg Road Shelbyville, KENTUCKY 40065

*North Shelby Water Company 4596 Bagdad Road P. O. Box 97 Bagdad, KY 40003