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PSC Approves Louisville-Hardin County Water Pipeline *Connection will enable Hardin County Water District #1 to purchase water from Louisville Water Company*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 12, 2016) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved construction of a pipeline that will allow Hardin County Water District #1 (HCWD1) to purchase a portion of its water supply from the Louisville Water Co.

In an order issued today, the PSC found that the pipeline is needed to enable HCWD1 to continue to provide adequate and reliable service to its customers in Hardin, Breckinridge and Meade counties.

The 4.3-mile pipeline and an associated pumping station will connect the two water systems at a cost of about \$6.54 million. It will carry up to 3.5 million gallons per day from the Louisville system to Hardin County.

HCWD1 has received a \$4.5 million state grant for the project – part of program to improve infrastructure in the Fort Knox area to accommodate expansion at the post. The balance of the cost will come from the district's own financial reserves.

Hardin County Water District #1 serves 10,000 retail customers, including water distribution systems in Radcliffe and Fort Knox. The latter system is operated under a long-term agreement with the federal government. HCWD1 also provides all of the water for the city of Vine Grove and 70 percent of the water used by the Meade County Water District.

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The PSC in September 2014 approved a 40-year agreement under which HCWD1 will purchase water from the Louisville Water Co. The pipeline approved today will enable that agreement to be put into effect.

A portion of HCWD1's water supply has been coming from a treatment plant at Fort Knox. Under HCWD1's 2011 agreement to operate the Fort Knox water system, that treatment plant must cease operations this year.

The pending closure of the water treatment plant at Fort Knox necessitated the agreement to purchase water from Louisville, HCWD1 said in its application for approval of the pipeline.

The pipeline would extend from far southwestern Jefferson County, running roughly parallel to U.S. Highway 31W, and connect to the HCWD1 system in northern Hardin County, near the city of West Point. Construction is expected to take about a year.

Today's order and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2016-00075

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