

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF MURRAY NO. 3 WATER)
DISTRICT FOR A DEVIATION FROM THE) CASE NO. 10316
MINIMUM WATER STORAGE REQUIREMENT OF)
807 KAR 5:066, SECTION 5(4))

O R D E R

By letter received July 11, 1988, Murray No. 3 Water District ("Murray No. 3") requested a deviation from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4), which requires a water utility to provide water storage to insure one day's supply of its average daily water usage.

On September 26, 1988, Murray No. 3 filed a supplemental response to Commission's Information Request of July 28, 1988 which was a letter from Murray No. 3 water supplier, Murray Public Works and Utilities ("Murray Utilities"). Murray Utilities stated it will supply a 50,000 gallon daily demand of Murray No. 3 during emergency unless a temporary disruption of service occurs to all Murray Utilities' customers.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Murray No. 3 purchased a daily average of 36,158 gallons of water in 1987 from its supplier Murray Utilities.
2. Murray No. 3 has a 50,000-gallon storage tank which has not been used since January 1976.

3. Murray No. 3 supplies water to one large volume consumer, Oaks Country Club. Oaks Country Club consumes about 15 percent of Murray No. 3's water during summer months when swimming pools are in use and watering the grounds is necessary. During the remaining months, the consumption of this customer is minimal.

4. Murray No. 3's purchase agreement with the City of Murray is 225 gallons per minute which exceeds the average consumption of Murray No. 3.

5. Murray No. 3 has no known operational deficiencies.

6. None of Murray No. 3's customers provide critical health care services.

7. Murray No. 3 has not experienced any interruptions by the supplier.

8. Murray No. 3 filed a letter written by Murray Utilities and addressed to Murray No. 3, which states that the capacity of Murray Utilities to provide adequate water supply to Murray No. 3 is excellent. Murray Utilities provides a 1,000,000-gallon water storage tank located 500 yards from Murray No. 3 which could supply water for Murray No. 3 during emergency demand unless a temporary disruption of service occurs to all water customers.

9. Murray No. 3 should file with the Commission a written agreement between Murray Utilities and Murray No. 3 that states a firm commitment from Murray Utilities to provide a daily demand of Murray No. 3 during emergency and that Murray No. 3 shall be

treated as any customer of Murray Utilities during emergency conditions. Such an agreement should be filed with the Commission no later than January 30, 1989.

10. If Murray No. 3 fails to file a firm agreement with its supplier as outlined in Finding 9, it should provide its storage tank pursuant to 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4) no later than July 1, 1991.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. Murray No. 3 shall be and hereby is granted a deviation from the water storage requirement of 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4) contingent upon its filing with the Commission a firm agreement with Murray Utilities as outlined in Finding 9 on or before January 30, 1989.

2. If Murray No. 3 fails to provide a firm agreement with Murray Utilities, it shall provide a water storage tank pursuant to 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4) no later than July 1, 1991.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of December, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director



Commissioner