

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF GREEN-TAYLOR WATER)
DISTRICT FOR A DEVIATION FROM THE)
REQUIREMENTS OF 807 KAR 5:066, SECTION) CASE NO. 89-166
5(4) AND SECTION 10(3), REGARDING WATER)
STORAGE AND SERVICE LINE INSPECTION)

O R D E R

By application received June 20, 1989, Green-Taylor Water District ("Green-Taylor") requested a permanent deviation from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3), which requires a water utility to inspect service line installations. As grounds for its request, Green-Taylor states that it has certain double check valves and that certain state and/or local governmental agencies inspect its lines.

Green-Taylor also requested a deviation from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4), which provides that each utility shall provide water storage to ensure a minimum of 1 day's supply of its average daily water usage. Green-Taylor states in its application that its daily water usage including unaccounted-for water is 400,000 gallons, and its water storage capacity is 420,000 gallons. Green-Taylor got approval from the Commission to build an additional 100,000-gallon storage tank, which will be completed by the end of 1989.

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

1. Double check valves alone are not acceptable as a backflow prevention device. Therefore, the existence of double check valves alone is not sufficient grounds for granting a deviation from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3).

2. The Commission has previously addressed the issue of service line inspections in Administrative Case No. 329,¹ wherein the Commission held that in those instances where a state or local government agency conducts a service line inspection to comply with KRS 318.134, and a water utility requests and receives proof of such inspection, the water utility shall be deemed to have complied with Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3). The Commission further held that all water utilities shall conduct service line inspections where the same are not required by KRS Chapter 318. Based on this Order, Green-Taylor's application for deviation from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3) should be denied.

3. Since Green-Taylor has available an amount of water storage sufficient to meet the requirement of 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4), no deviation is required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Where a state or local government agency conducts a service line inspection to comply with KRS 318.134, and Green-

¹ Administrative Case No. 329, Investigation of Service Line Inspections for Water Utilities.

Taylor requests and receives proof of such inspection, Green-Taylor shall be deemed in compliance with Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3).

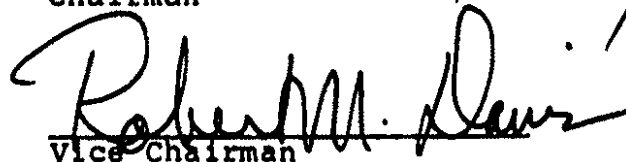
2. The application of Green-Taylor for authority to deviate from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 10(3), is denied.

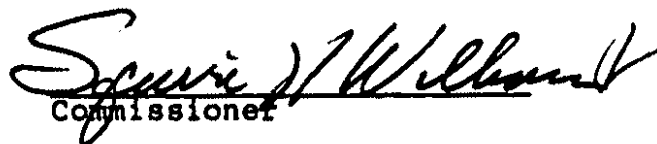
3. The application of Green-Taylor for permission to deviate from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(4), regarding water storage is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of July, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director