

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF GARRARD COUNTY WATER )  
ASSOCIATION FOR REVISION OF RULES AND ) CASE NO.  
REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPACT ) 90-045  
FEE )

O R D E R

On December 8, 1989, Garrard County Water Association ("Garrard County") filed with the Commission a tariff containing a complete revision of its rules and regulations. The most significant revision is the addition of proposed off-site fees and impact fees in conjunction with extension of distribution mains. Garrard County did not state a date upon which its tariff would become effective.

After reviewing the proposed tariff, the Commission finds that a case should be established to enable the Commission to further investigate the tariff filing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Garrard County shall file an original and 12 copies of the following information with the Commission, with a copy to all parties of record, no later than March 16, 1990. If the information cannot be provided by this date, Garrard County should submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and including a date by which it will be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission. Garrard County shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available for responding to

questions concerning each item of information requested should a public hearing be held in this matter.

1. Explain the difference between "premises" as defined in Section 2(f)(1) and Section 2(f)(3) of the proposed tariff. Provide examples. (Original Sheets 1 and 2.)

2. Section 4(c) allows a single application to constitute a contract for service not only at the initial premises named in the application but also at any other premises where the customer secures service. (Original Sheet 3.) Section 14(h) states that bills for service to the same customer at different premises will not be combined. (Original Sheet 21.)

Provide justification for not requiring a separate application for each premises to which water service is provided and billed separately.

3. What service charges are required at the time of application for service? (Original Sheet 3, Section 4(e).)

4. Name the Commissions in other states which have approved fees similar to Garrard County's proposed impact fee. Provide legal precedent in support of the proposed impact fee.

5. Explain how Garrard County would calculate the additional costs, over and above the costs of storage, which may be included in an impact fee. (Original Sheet 4, Item 6.)

6. Provide the rationale for classifying the proposed impact fee as a non-construction item. (Original Sheet 5, Section (B)(1).)

7. Provide justification for requiring payment of both the meter connection fee and an advance deposit equal to 12 months minimum bill as guarantee when extensions other than to subdivisions are made. (Original Sheet 6, Item 3.)

8. Provide justification for excluding the deposit described in paragraph 7 above from payment of interest on deposits as required by KRS 278.460. (Original Sheet 6, Item 3.)

9. Clarify and provide justification for the road frontage and right-of-way requirements in Original Sheet 6 Item 8.

10. Provide examples of "other costs" to be calculated on an "as incurred" basis, as per Item 9, Original Sheets 6 and 7 and Item IV, Original Sheet 8.

11. Provide justification for providing 3 years advance payment of fire hydrant charges. (Original Sheet 10, Item (b).)

12. Clarify "willful or indifferent waste of water." (Original Sheet 12, Item 1.)

13. Describe a situation where vacancy of premises alone would justify discontinuance of service. (Original Sheet 12, Item 6.)

14. Provide authority for inspection of customer-owned fixtures within the customer's premises. (Original Sheet 14, Item (h).)

15. Provide authority for requiring a cut-off valve to be installed and imposing maintenance conditions on customer-owned premises and facilities. (Original Sheet 15, Items (j) and (o).)

16. Describe situations where it would not be "practicable or advisable" to supply individual premises through an independent service pipe from a separate meter box. (Original Sheet 15, Item (n).)

17. Provide authority for billing a customer in advance for the actual cost of a customer-requested meter test. (Original Sheet 17, Item (e).)

18. Clarify what agency or entity constitutes the "Commission" referred to in Original Sheet 17, Item (f).

19. Clarify what is meant by Item (g), Original Sheet 21, and provide an example.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of February, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director