

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 REGULATIONS ) CASE NO. 90-045  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPACT FEE )

O R D E R

On December 8, 1989, Garrard County Water Association ("Garrard") filed with the Commission a tariff containing a complete revision of its rules and regulations. Garrard did not state a date upon which the tariff would become effective; however, the instant case was established by Order of February 26, 1990 in order to fully investigate the tariff filing. That Order also required the filing of additional information. On March 30, 1990, Garrard filed its response to the Commission's Order and requested an effective date of May 1, 1990 for the entire tariff filing. The tariff was subsequently suspended for 5 months through October 1, 1990. An informal conference was held on April 18, 1990 for the purpose of discussing Garrard's responses to the issues raised in the February 26, 1990 Order and various provisions of Garrard's proposed tariff. On June 19, 1990, Garrard filed revisions to the proposed tariff to reflect changes recommended during the informal conference.

The Commission, having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that the following additional information and revisions are necessary:

1. Item 4(e) refers to a "turn-on" charge which would be paid when a customer applies for service at premises already connected to the system. This type charge differs and is separate from a reconnection fee where service is restored after termination for non-payment of bills or violation of utility rules and a connection (tap-on) fee where initial connection to the system is made. Garrard does not have an approved turn-on fee in its currently effective tariff and none is proposed in this filing. Therefore, prior to implementing this charge, Garrard must obtain Commission approval through the filing of a revised tariff sheet including the charge, detailed cost justification, and appropriate notice to the Commission and its customers. Item 4(e) should be deleted from the tariff until such time as the turn-on charge may be approved by the Commission.

2. Item 5 B 6 states that the company may require a main extension to cover the entire frontage of the (applicant's) property if it is a building lot or lots. The term "lot" is defined as any plot of ground laid out for building purposes. Under this provision, dependent upon the size of the lot or the number of adjacent lots owned and the location on the lot(s) where service is to be provided, an applicant could be required to pay for an excessive amount of water main extension. An applicant should not be required to pay for or advance the cost of an

extension beyond what is reasonably necessary to provide the service requested. Garrard should revise its proposed tariff accordingly.

3. Item 9(i) states the service pipe shall be laid below the frost line. 807 KAR 5:066, Section 9, provides that distribution mains shall be 24 inches below ground level. Garrard should define "frost line" so that the requirements for the customer's service connection line are no greater than the requirement for distribution mains.

4. Item 11(f) refers to fees and retention of fees by the Kentucky Public Service Commission where a customer requests that a meter be tested by a Commission engineer. As written, this goes beyond the provisions of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 21, and should be revised in accordance with the provisions of the regulation.

5. Item 14(g) states that the company will not be bound by bills rendered under mistake of fact as to the quantity of service rendered. This provision is confusing and should be revised to clearly show that any billing error, whether it results in over or under billing, will be corrected and appropriate refunds, credits, or charges made.

6. Item 18(b) states that the company will make every effort to maintain the required pressure on the distribution system, but does not guarantee to furnish at all times any given quantity for fire uses or for general purposes. (Emphasis added) While Garrard is not required to furnish fire service, 807 KAR 5:066, Section 6, requires that under normal conditions pressure at the customer's service pipe shall be at least 30 psig and


static pressure shall not exceed 150 psig. Therefore, the words "or for general purposes" should be deleted from this section.

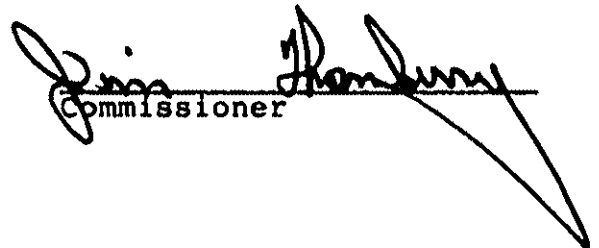
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that within 30 days from the date of this Order, Garrard shall file revisions to its proposed tariff in accordance with the findings herein or a response stating with specificity the reasons why it should not be required to make such revisions.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of July, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director