COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF MCCREARY COUNTY)
WATER DISTRICT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF)
CASE NO.
A RECONNECTION FEE) 90-066

ORDER

On February 27, 1990, McCreary County Water District ("McCreary Water") filed with the Commission a tariff proposing to establish a special charge for reconnecting meters. In its filing, McCreary Water requested a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b-e) and (2), on the grounds that the reconnection fee is a revenue-neutral charge which allows the district merely to "break even" by recovering actual costs incurred.

807 KAR 5:011, Section 10, defines non-recurring charges as charges "intended to be limited in nature and to recover the specific cost of the activity." The regulation allows a utility to seek a rate revision for non-recurring charges outside a general rate proceeding, but requires the information contained in subsections (1)-(3) to be provided with such a filing. Inasmuch as the regulation defines non-recurring charges as revenue-neutral yet mandates the filing of the information, its clear intent is to require the information despite the fact that the charges are revenue-neutral.

Having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that McCreary Water's request to deviate from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b-e) and (2), should be denied. As the information required by the subsections cited above has not been filed with McCreary Water's proposed tariff, the Commission further finds that the tariff cannot be adequately reviewed prior to the proposed effective date of March 28, 1990. Accordingly, the filing must be suspended.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. McCreary Water's request for a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b-e) and (2), be and it hereby is denied.
- 2. McCreary Water's proposed tariff to establish a reconnection fee be and it hereby is suspended for five months from the proposed effective date of March 28, 1990 through August 28, 1990.
- 3. McCreary Water shall file all pertinent information required by 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10, no later than May 15, 1990. If said information is not filed by May 15, 1990, McCreary Water's proposed tariff will be rejected and this case dismissed without further Order of the Commission.
- 4. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of March, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director