

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF KIRKSVILLE )  
WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. TO ESTABLISH )  
AND INCREASE CERTAIN NON-RECURRING ) CASE NO. 90-183  
CHARGES AND REVISE ITS RULES AND )  
REGULATIONS )

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Kirksville Water Association, Inc. ("Kirksville") shall file the original and 10 copies of the following information with the Commission, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested is due no later than 20 days from the date of this Order. If the information cannot be provided by this date, a motion for an extension of time must be submitted stating the reason for the delay and the date by which the information can be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission.

1. Reference special charge cost schedule: returned check charge.

(a) How much office labor time is involved?

(b) What is the hourly wage rate?

(c) What kind of transportation is involved with processing a bad check?

(d) What is the rate per mile utilized in determining the transportation charge?

2. Reference special charge cost schedule: reconnection of service.

(a) How much clerical labor time is involved?

(b) What is the hourly wage rate?

(c) Why is no transportation expense included?

(d) What is the average distance traveled?

(e) What is the average travel time?

(f) Does proposed charge include cost of both disconnection and reconnection?

3. Reference special charge cost schedule for rechecking a meter reading. It is noted the \$10 charge for rechecking a meter reading is already included in Kirksville's effective tariff.

(a) Is this level of charge compensatory?

(b) If the answer to (a) is yes, explain how a lower field expense wage rate can be obtained for this service than for others and why no transportation expense is included.

4. Reference special charge cost schedule: requested meter tests.

(a) Upon what average distance and time is your transportation expense based?

(b) What is your rate per mile?

(c) Does Kirksville have its own meter testing facilities?

(d) Where is testing done?

(e) If testing is done by other than utility, what is charge for testing?

(c) If the answer to (a) is no, explain why a more cost-based charge was not proposed.

5. Reference special charge cost schedule: Service Investigation (office hours).

(a) Upon what is the 1 hour labor time based?

(b) Why does the hourly rate differ from those proposed for other charges?

(c) Why are no transportation costs included?

(d) What is average time or distance involved with the service investigation?

(e) Explain what services, if any, might be performed in a service investigation other than an interruption of service.

(f) Provide basis for \$15 after hours charge.

6. Reference special charge cost schedule: Meter Drop.

(a) Why does the hourly rate for field expense differ from those included for other special charges?

(b) Why does the cost of supplies differ from those proposed by other charges?

(c) How much clerical labor time is involved? Hourly wage rate?

(d) Why are no transportation costs included?

(e) What are the average times and distances involved?

(f) Upon what is the 1 hour labor time based?

(g) When and under what circumstances would a meter drop charge be applicable?

7. Do you currently have any customers who are served through meters larger than 5/8 x 3/4 inch? If so, what is the minimum bill and associated usage allowance for these customers?

8. Reference Item II (C). Contracts for one year or more of service are applicable only for extensions made under 807 KAR 5:066, Section 12(1). Clarify.

9. Reference Item III (D).

(a) Does Kirksville intend to continue utilizing double meter installation? If so, why has the established charge of \$550 been omitted from the tariff?

(b) Provide revised tariff sheets and cost justification for tap fees for meters larger than 5/8 x 3/4 inch or reasons why Kirksville should be allowed to deviate from 807 KAR 5:011, Section 6(2)(c).

10. Reference Item VII. Kirksville's current tariff provides for extensions for temporary service. This provision has been omitted from the proposed tariff.

(a) Will extensions for temporary service be made in the future? If so, under what conditions?

11. Reference Item VII (E). Provide revised tariff sheet deleting the requirement that the customer retain ownership and maintenance responsibility for extension for a period of one year. Kirksville must accept ownership upon completion.

12. Reference Item 1X (A). Justify requiring 10 days' notice for customer discontinuance of service rather than 3 days' notice as required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 10.

13. Reference Item X (A). Bills must include all information required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 6(1). Revise.

14. Reference Item XI. This section should include a statement that service shall be discontinued without notice if dangerous conditions exist. See 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11(1)(b).

15. Reference Item XII (A). Justify requirement that a claim be presented to Board of Directors rather than at Kirksville's office.

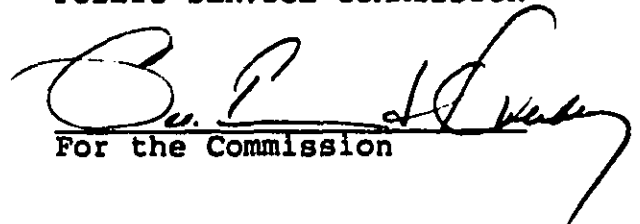
16. Reference Item XII (D). This section should be clarified to show that if over- or under-billing occurs for any reason, bills will be adjusted to refund, credit or collect as applicable.

17. Reference XII. Clarify to show damages will be paid as may be determined by a court having jurisdiction over the parties.

18. Reference XIV. The purchased water adjustment clause is no longer required to be included in tariff.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director