

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

WESTERN BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT)	
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL NEW SERVICE)	CASE NO. 91-080
INCLUDING BRACKEN WATER DISTRICT #1)	

O R D E R

By letter dated March 14, 1991, counsel for Bracken County Water District #1 ("Bracken") and Western Bracken County Water District ("Western Bracken") advised the Commission that both districts were requesting authority to impose a temporary suspension of adding on new services in their respective service areas, also known as a tap-on ban. Two informal conferences were held June 19, 1991 and July 24, 1991. Representatives from Bracken and Western Bracken, as well as Commission Staff, the Division of Water, the city of Brooksville, and the city of Augusta were represented at the conferences. Discussions at both conferences concerned the imposition of a tap-on ban due to "brown water" being supplied by Bracken. Both utilities have detailed several options that were being considered to correct the problems, specifically building a new water treatment facility in Bracken County and/or working with the city of Maysville, the city of Brooksville, and the city of Augusta to secure an alternate supply of water.

A preliminary engineering report on water supply alternatives for the city of Augusta, Bracken, Western Bracken, and the city of

Brooksville has been prepared by Mayes, Sudderth, and Etheredge, Inc., an engineering consulting firm, identifying supply options and alternatives to eliminate water treatment problems and a previously noted deficiency for Bracken for lack of adequate storage on that system.

The conference memoranda filed into the record of this proceeding reflect that the tap-on ban was imposed by the Division of Water because of an excessive level of iron manganese in the water supplied by Bracken. The Division of Water has determined that the "brown water" problem is not a threat to the public's health or safety and is a problem only to the extent that the water appears discolored and some staining of laundry may occur.

After consideration of the record in this proceeding and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Bracken and Western Bracken shall be granted authority to impose a temporary suspension for all new services in their respective service area. The Commission further finds that until such time as the Division of Water lifts the tap-on ban and satisfactory resolution of the water problems is found, Bracken and Western Bracken shall file monthly status reports with the Commission detailing the efforts that have been made to resolve the problem. Bracken and Western Bracken shall include in the aforementioned monthly reports information regarding the number of new applicants for service who have been denied as a result of the temporary suspension in hook-ups, the number and brief explanation of any exemptions to the temporary tap-on ban granted by the Division of

Water, and information regarding the development of water supply alternatives.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Bracken and Western Bracken be and they hereby are granted authority to impose a temporary tap-on ban for new services until such time as the ban imposed by the Division of Water of the Cabinet for Natural Resources is lifted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Bracken and Western Bracken shall file monthly status reports by the 15th of each month in conformity with the finding above.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of October, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director