COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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SALT RIVER WATER DISTRICT AND KENTUCKY) TURNPIKE WATER DISTRICT JOINT PETITION) CASE NO. 92-169 FOR APPROVAL OF MERGER AGREEMENT AND) RETAIL RATE ADJUSTMENT)

ORDER

On February 10, 1993, the Commission issued its final Order in this proceeding granting approval to Salt River Water District and Kentucky Turnpike Water District to merge pursuant to KRS 74.363 and approving a retail rate decrease for Salt River Water District. On March 2, 1993, the Districts petitioned, by counsel, pursuant to KRS 278.400, for rehearing and reconsideration of the Commission's Order specifically requesting that the paragraph on page 20 of the Commission's Order, styled "Future Construction and Financing," be deleted from the Order in its entirety. On March 8, 1993, the Intervenors, Concerned Citizens, filed a response to the petition.

The Districts argue, <u>inter alia</u>, that the requirement of filing a comprehensive operational plan accomplishes the same objective as the paragraph they request deleted. The Commission finds that argument persuasive as far as it goes, but reminds the Districts that the paragraph is advisory in nature and its deletion in no way relieves the merged districts from any directive contained in the Commission's February 10, 1993 Order.

After consideration of the arguments of counsel, the record in this proceeding, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that good cause has been shown to grant rehearing in this matter and to order deleted from its February 10, 1993 Order the paragraph styled "Future Construction and Financing."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the petition for rehearing be and it hereby is granted and the paragraph styled "Future Construction and Financing" be and it hereby is deleted from the Commission's February 10, 1993 Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of March, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION rman Chairman Vice

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Executive Director