COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT OF U.S.) CASE NO. 60 WATER DISTRICT) 95-384

ORDER

U.S. 60 Water District ("U.S. 60") has applied for a rate adjustment pursuant to KRS 278.015 and Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:068 to recover the increased cost of water purchased from the Frankfort Electric and Water Plant Board ("Frankfort Plant Board"). Having reviewed the application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the application fails to meet the requirements of KRS 278.015 and should be denied without prejudice.

As of the date of this Order, the Frankfort Plant Board has not increased its rates. It only recently filed with the Commission its proposed wholesale rate for water service to U.S. 60.¹ This rate will not become effective before October 26, 1995. Until the Frankfort Plant Board's proposed rate becomes effective,

¹ In <u>Simpson County Water District v. City of Franklin.</u> <u>Kentucky</u>, Ky., 872 S.W.2d 460 (1994), the Kentucky Supreme Court held that the Commission has jurisdiction over the wholesale rates and service of municipal utilities which provide utility service to any public utility. The Commission has since found that, by virtue of the <u>Simpson County</u> decision, municipal utilities must comply with KRS 278.180 when adjusting their wholesale rates to public utilities. <u>See</u> Administrative Case No. 351, Submission of Contracts and Rates of Municipal Utilities Providing Wholesale Utility Service to Public Utilities (Ky. P.S.C. Aug. 10, 1994).

no rate adjustment under the provisions of KRS 278.015 and Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:068 is possible.

The Commission advises U.S. 60 that a new application may be filed when any change in the Frankfort Plant Board's rates takes effect. In lieu of filing a new application, U.S. 60 may request the Commission reopen this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that U.S. 60's application for a rate adjustment pursuant to KRS 278.015 and Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:068 is denied without prejudice.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of October, 1995.

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