COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF THE) CASE NO. 97-313BARKLEY LAKE WATER DISTRICT)

<u>ORDER</u>

On September 17, 1997, Barkley Lake Water District ("Barkley Lake") applied for Commission approval of a proposed increase in its rates for water service. The proposed rates for water service would generate additional annual revenues of \$369,647, an increase of 39 percent above test-year revenues. Barkley Lake has notified the Commission of its intent to charge the proposed rates for water service provided on and after October 20, 1997.

On October 16, 1997, Commission Staff submitted a written report, based upon a field review of Barkley Lake's test-period financial records in which it recommended acceptance of the proposed rates. No person has requested intervention in this proceeding nor have any written comments opposing the proposed rate adjustment been received.

The Commission, after considering the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds:

1. The recommendations and findings contained in the Staff Report are supported by the evidence of record, are reasonable, and are hereby adopted as the

findings of the Commission in this proceeding and are incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

2. The rates in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are the fair, just, and reasonable rates for Barkley Lake and will produce gross annual revenues of \$1,301,048. These rates will allow Barkley Lake sufficient revenues to meet its operating expenses, and provide for future equity growth, including provisions for servicing its debt.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Barkley Lake and contained in Appendix A are approved for service rendered by Barkley Lake on and after October 20, 1997.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Barkley Lake shall file with the Commission its revised tariff setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of October, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 97-313 DATED 10/21/97

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Barkley Lake Water District on and after October 20, 1997. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

CUSTOMER CHARGE

Meter Size	Monthly Charge
5/8"	\$5.13
1"	\$7.77
1 1/2"	\$9.09
2"	\$9.75
3"	\$14.37
4"	\$20.97

WATER USAGE

First 100,000 gallons Next 400,000 gallons Over 500,000 gallons \$4.54 per 1,000 gallons 3.50 per 1,000 gallons 2.50 per 1,000 gallons

TAP-ON FEE

Meter Size

Fee

5/8" x 3/4" 3/4" All larger than 1"

\$450 \$450 **Actual Cost**