

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE ALTON WATER )  
DISTRICT FOR PERMISSION TO INCREASE THE ) CASE NO. 99-418  
VACUUM SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTION FEE )

O R D E R

On October 6, 1999, Alton Water and Sewer District ("Alton District") submitted an application for authority to increase the connection fee to its vacuum sewer system from \$2,000 to \$2,800. On November 2, 1999, the Commission's Executive Director advised Alton District by letter that its application failed to comply with Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10, in certain respects. On November 18, 1999, Alton District responded to this letter, but failed to provide evidence of its compliance with Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b). On February 18, 2000, Alton District requested a deviation from the requirements of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b).

Having considered the application and the request for deviation and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b), requires a utility to publish notice of an application for changes in non-recurring charges once a week for three consecutive weeks in a prominent manner in a newspaper of general circulation in its service area. It further requires that the first publication of notice be made prior to the filing of the utility's application.

2. Alton District published notice of the proposed change prior to submission of its application to the Commission and notified the Attorney General of the proposed increase to its connection charge.

3. Alton District failed to publish notice of the proposed change after submitting its application as Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b), requires.

4. Alton District is in the process of replacing its vacuum sewer system with a conventional gravity sewer system. Upon completion of this replacement, the charge in question will no longer be assessed.

5. The proposed adjustment will not affect customers currently receiving sewer service from Alton District.

6. Good cause exists to grant the requested deviation.

7. Since the connection fee was last adjusted, substantial increases in the cost of materials and labor used to make a connection to Alton District's vacuum sewer system have occurred.

8. Alton District's average cost for making a connection to its vacuum sewer system is \$2,800.

9. The proposed charge is equal to the expense incurred to provide the associated service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Alton District's request for a deviation from Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(b), is granted.

2. Alton District's application shall be considered filed as of the date of this Order.

3. The proposed Residence Vacuum Sewer System Connection Fee of \$2,800 is approved for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

4. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Alton District shall file with the Commission revised tariff sheets that reflect the charges approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director