COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CALDWELL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AND FINANCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 278.023

CASE NO. 2002-00403

<u>ORDER</u>

On November 7, 2002, Caldwell County Water District (Caldwell District) submitted an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a \$1,885,800 waterworks improvement project and for approval of its plan of financing for this project. This project will provide new service to approximately 118 new customers with the installation of approximately 50 miles of 6-inch through 3-inch water transmission mains and related appurtenances. Project funding includes an \$815,000 loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development (RD), a \$500,000 grant from the RD, a \$500,000 Kentucky Infrastructure Authority grant and a \$70,800 contribution from the Applicant.

Caldwell District's application was made pursuant to KRS 278.023, which requires the Commission to accept agreements between water utilities and the U. S. Department of Agriculture or the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to issue the necessary orders to implement the terms of such agreements within 30 days of satisfactory completion of the minimum filing requirements. Given that minimum filing requirements were met in this case on November 7, 2002, KRS 278.023 does not grant the Commission any discretionary authority to modify or reject any portion of this agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Caldwell District is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the proposed construction project.

2. Caldwell District's proposed plan of financing with RD is accepted.

3. Caldwell District shall file a copy of the as-built drawings and a certified statement that the construction has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract plans and specifications within 60 days of the substantial completion of the construction certificated herein.

4. Caldwell District shall monitor the adequacies of the expanded water distribution system after construction. If the level of service is inadequate or declining or the pressure to any customer is outside the requirements of 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(1), Caldwell District shall take immediate action to maintain the level of service in conformance with the regulations of the Commission.

5. Caldwell District shall notify the Commission one week prior to the actual start of construction and at the 50 percent completion point.

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Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a warranty of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any agency thereof, of the financing herein accepted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of December, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director