COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JEFFREY CHARLES QUARLES)
COMPLAINANT)
V.) CASE NO. 2005-00437
PEAKS MILL WATER DISTRICT)
DEFENDANT)

ORDER

Jeffrey Charles Quarles ("Complainant") has filed a complaint against Peaks Mill Water District ("Peaks Mill") alleging that Peaks Mill has wrongfully denied him water service. Complainant requests that Peaks Mill provide him water service or transfer its water main to Kentucky-American Water Company ("Kentucky-American") to allow Kentucky-American to provide service.

Peaks Mill has answered the complaint and moved to dismiss it. In its answer, Peaks Mill alleges that Complainant's property is located in Owen County, Kentucky, that Peaks Mill is a single-county water utility authorized to serve only Franklin County, Kentucky, and that it is not obligated to surrender or transfer any of its water facilities to another utility.

The Commission finds that, as Complainant has raised as an issue in his complaint the availability of Kentucky-American's facilities in the area to serve him, and that Kentucky-American's presence in this proceeding will assist the Commission in

developing facts to adjudicate Complainant's complaint, Kentucky-American should be made a party to this case for the purpose of furnishing information to the Commission. We further find that Commission Staff should schedule an informal conference with all parties to discuss existing water utility facilities near Complainant's residence and options for providing water service for the Complainant.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky-American is made a party to this proceeding and shall be served with a copy of the complaint.

2. Commission Staff shall schedule an informal conference with the parties to discuss the existing water utility facilities in the area and the options for providing water service to Complainant.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of January, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director