

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT PETITION OF THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE)
AND MOUNTAIN WATER DISTRICT FOR THE) CASE NO. 2006-00123
TRANSFER OF CERTAIN WASTEWATER)
FACILITIES AND RELATED DEBT)

ORDER

On March 21, 2006, Mountain Water District (“Mountain District”) and the city of Pikeville, Kentucky (“Pikeville”) (collectively “Joint Applicants”) jointly applied for approval of the proposed transfer of Mountain Water District’s Mossy Bottom Sewer Collection System facilities and associated debt to Pikeville. Mountain District is a water district organized pursuant to KRS Chapter 74 and owns and operates facilities that provide sewage collection and treatment services to approximately 370 customers in the Mossy Bottom area of Pike County, Kentucky.¹ Mountain District is a utility subject to Commission jurisdiction. KRS 278.010(3)(f); KRS 278.015. KRS 278.020(5) and (6) require prior Commission approval of the proposed transfer.

Since the filing of the Joint Application, the city of Prestonsburg, Kentucky (“Prestonsburg”) has filed objections to the proposed transfer and has moved for intervention in this matter. It contends, *inter alia*, that Pikeville’s acquisition of the

¹ In addition to the Mossy Bottom Sewer Collection and Treatment System, Mountain District operates other sewage wastewater facilities that serve approximately 877 customers in Pike County.

facilities in question is not in the public interest and is contrary to the stated goals of the current regulatory scheme implemented pursuant to state and federal law.

Given these objections, the Commission finds that additional proceedings regarding the application are necessary and that such proceedings will require additional time beyond the 60-day review period provided in KRS 278.020(5). Accordingly, we find that good cause exists to extend the review period to 120 days.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the period for reviewing the Joint Application is extended to 120 days.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of May, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director