

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S	)	
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT	)	CASE NO.
OF DIVIDEND FOR THIRD QUARTER OF	)	2008-00479
CALENDAR YEAR 2008	)	

ORDER

Kentucky-American Water Company ("Kentucky-American"), Thames Water Aqua Holdings ("Thames"), Thames Water Aqua US Holdings, Inc. ("TWUS"), RWE Aktiengesellschaft ("RWE") and American Water Works Company ("AWWC") (collectively "Joint Applicants") have applied for Commission approval of Kentucky-American's 2008 Third Quarter Dividend on common stock ("Third Quarter Dividend"). Finding that Kentucky-American's dividend policy has not been affected by the change in ownership, the Commission approves the payment of the Third Quarter Dividend of \$2,554,847, which is scheduled to be paid on December 29, 2008.

In Case No. 2002-00317,<sup>1</sup> the Commission approved the transfer of control of Kentucky-American from AWWC to Thames, TWUS, and RWE subject to 61 conditions. One of these conditions was that Joint Applicants obtain Commission approval prior to the payment of any dividend or transfers of any funds within a calendar year that

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2002-00317, The Joint Petition of Kentucky-American Water Company, Thames Water Aqua Holdings GmbH, RWE Aktiengesellschaft, Thames Water Aqua US Holdings, Inc., Apollo Acquisition Company and American Water Works Company, Inc. for Approval of a Change of Control of Kentucky-American Water Company (Ky. PSC Dec. 20, 2002).

collectively represent more than 5 percent of Kentucky-American's retained earnings as of December 31 of the prior calendar year to RWE, Thames, TWUS or any other entity related to RWE.<sup>2</sup>

We imposed this condition to ensure Kentucky-American's financial ability to provide reliable service and to guard against any effort to drain Kentucky-American's treasury to finance RWE's acquisition of AWWC or pay the premium associated with the acquisition.<sup>3</sup> It enables us to monitor transfers from Kentucky-American and prevent unusual or extraordinary transfers of funds. Absent the imposition of this condition, our statutory ability to monitor and prevent such conduct is very limited.

On October 28, 2008, Kentucky-American declared its Third Quarter Dividend of \$2,554,847, which is scheduled to be paid on December 29, 2008. Joint Applicants submitted their request for Commission approval of Kentucky-American's Third Quarter Dividend on November 20, 2008. Joint Applicants state that Kentucky-American's declared Third Quarter Dividend of \$2,554,847 is in conformity with the historical dividend policy of paying 75 percent of earnings available for common dividends.<sup>4</sup> Collectively, the declared dividend to be paid on December 29, 2008 and the dividends

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<sup>2</sup> Id., App. A at 6.

<sup>3</sup> Case No. 2002-00018, Application For Approval of the Transfer of Control of Kentucky-American Water Company to RWE Aktiengesellschaft and Thames Water Aqua Holdings GMBH (Ky. PSC May 30, 2002) at 20–21.

<sup>4</sup> See Joint Applicants' Request for Approval of Dividend Payment at 1.

paid earlier in 2008 represent more than 5 percent<sup>5</sup> of Kentucky-American's accumulated retained earnings as of December 31, 2007.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Kentucky-American's dividend policy has not been affected by the change in ownership. Therefore, Kentucky-American's payment of the Third Quarter Dividend of \$2,554,847 should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Kentucky-American's December 29, 2008 common stock dividend of \$2,554,847 is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of December, 2008.

By the Commission

ATTEST:  
  
Executive Director

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<sup>5</sup>  $\$1,097,174$  (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2007) +  $\$956,109$  (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008) +  $\$1,394,978$  (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2008) +  $\$2,554,847$  (3rd Quarter 2008) =  $\$6,003,108 \div \$30,159,867$  (Retained Earnings as of 12-31-07) = 19.904%.

<sup>6</sup> Annual Report of Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 at 13.

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