

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF WATER SERVICE)
CORPORATION OF KENTUCKY) CASE NO. 2008-00563
FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)

O R D E R

On March 24, 2009, Romell Johnson filed a request to intervene in this proceeding. The only person entitled to intervene as a matter of right in this rate-making proceeding is the Attorney General ("AG"), pursuant to KRS 367.150(8)(b). Intervention by all others is permissive and is within the sound discretion of the Commission.¹

In exercising its discretion to determine permissive intervention, the Commission follows 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(8). That regulation requires a person seeking intervention to file a request in writing that "shall specify his interest in the proceeding."² That regulation further provides that:

If the Commission determines that a person has a special interest in the proceeding which is not otherwise adequately represented or that full intervention by party is likely to present issues or to develop facts that assist the commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings, such person shall be granted full intervention.³

¹ *Inter-County Rural Elec. Coop. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 407 S.W.2d 127, 130 (Ky. 1966).

² 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(8)(b); see also *EnviroPower, LLC v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 2007 WL 289328 (Ky. App. Feb 7, 2007) (holding that "the PSC retains the power in its discretion to grant or deny a motion for intervention").

³ 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(8)(b).

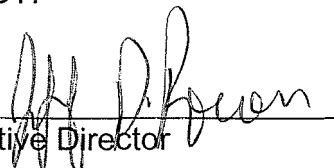
In her request, Ms. Johnson does not articulate that she has a special interest in this proceeding or that she is likely to present issues or to develop facts that will assist the Commission in resolving this matter. Even though Ms. Johnson is a customer of Water Service Corporation of Kentucky, the AG has been granted full intervention and has the obligation to appear before the Commission to represent consumers' interests.⁴

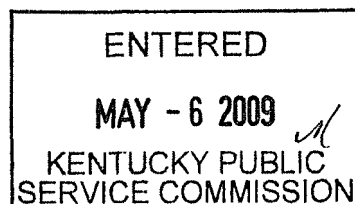
Having determined that the requisites of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(8), have not been satisfied, the Commission will deny Ms. Johnson's request for intervention. Nevertheless, Ms. Johnson will have ample opportunity to participate in this proceeding even though she is not granted intervenor status. The Commission will carefully consider the comments that she has made in her motion to intervene, along with other public comments that will be entered in the record of this case. She may also keep abreast of the status of the case and filings by monitoring the case's electronic file located at <http://psc.ky.gov/pscscf/2008%20cases/2008-00563>.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Ms. Johnson's request for intervention is denied.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director



⁴ KRS 367.150(8)(b); see also Case No. 2007-00337, *Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Association of Community Ministries, Inc., People Organized and Working for Energy Reform, and Kentucky Association for Community Action, Inc. for the Establishment of a Home Energy Assistance Program*, Application at 7 (Ky. PSC Sept. 14, 2007) (denying limited intervention to an individual on the grounds that the AG was a full intervenor).

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