

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF HICKORY WATER DISTRICT)
FOR APPROVAL OF INCREASED RATES FOR) CASE NO. 2009-00350
WATER SERVICE)

O R D E R

On August 28, 2009, Hickory Water District ("Hickory") filed an application for approval of increased rates for water service. Hickory proposed its rate increase to become effective on September 30, 2009. The Commission determined that further proceedings were necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates, and we suspended the implementation of Hickory's proposed rate through February 28, 2010, pursuant to KRS 278.190.

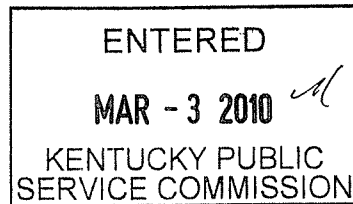
On February 16, 2010, Hickory gave notice, by letter, that it intended to place its proposed rates into effect on March 1, 2010. The notice was made pursuant to KRS 278.190(2). The Commission finds that it is unable to complete its investigation within the suspension period and that Hickory has complied with the statutory provisions to place the proposed rates into effect.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

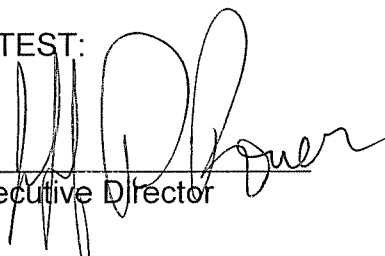
1. Hickory may place its proposed rates, subject to refund, into effect on March 1, 2010.

2. Hickory shall maintain its records in such manner as will allow determination of any amount to be refunded, in the event one is ordered upon final resolution of this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

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