## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF GRAVES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO AMEND THE COMMISSION'S ORDER OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 IN CASE NO. 2012-00358

CASE NO. 2012-00543

## <u>ORDER</u>

On September 27, 2012, the Commission approved the proposed merger of Graves County Water District ("Graves District") and Hickory Water District.<sup>1</sup> In our Order approving the merger, we further directed that within 90 days the two water districts "execute all documents and perform all other actions necessary to effect the proposed merger" and stated that their failure to act within the 90-day time period would render our approval null and void.<sup>2</sup>

Graves District has requested that the Commission extend the period in which to complete all actions necessary to effect the proposed merger. It states that an extension will permit the water districts to close the books on each water district's finances at the end of their fiscal years.<sup>3</sup>

Having reviewed the request, the Commission finds that extending the time period for completing the proposed merger will facilitate a smoother and more efficient transition and will likely result in the use of fewer resources. We further find that to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2012-00358, Joint Application of Hickory Water District and Graves County Water District for Approval of Proposed Merger (Ky. PSC Sep. 27, 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Letter from Johnny Dowdy, Chairman, Graves County Water District, to Jeff Derouen, Executive Director, Public Service Commission (filed Dec. 3, 2012).

ensure the water districts have adequate time to perform all actions necessary to effect the proposed merger, the time period should be extended an additional 60 days.

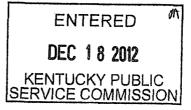
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Graves District's request to amend the Commission's Order of September 27, 2012 in Case No. 2012-00358 is granted.

2. Graves District and Hickory Water District shall execute all documents and perform all other actions necessary to effect the proposed merger no later than February 24, 2013. Their failure to act within this time period shall render the Commission's approval of the proposed merger null and void.

3. All other provisions of the Order of September 27, 2012 in Case No. 2012-00358 remain in effect.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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