## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATIVE ) CASE NO. 2013-00172 RATE FILING OF FERN LAKE COMPANY )

## ORDER

Finding that Commission Staff should be afforded additional time to conduct its review of Fern Lake Company's records and to prepare a report of its findings and recommendations regarding Fern Lake Company's proposed rate adjustment, the Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. No later than July 29, 2013, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Fern Lake Company's requested rate adjustment.
- 2. No later than August 12, 2013, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, each party of record shall file with the Commission:
- a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission Staff Report;
  - b. Any additional evidence for the Commission's consideration; and,
- c. Written notice as to whether this matter may be submitted for decision based upon the existing record without hearing.
- 3. If Commission Staff finds that Fern Lake Company's financial condition supports a higher rate than Fern Lake Company proposes or the assessment of an

additional rate or charge not proposed in Fern Lake Company's application, Fern Lake Company in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should authorize the assessment of the higher rate or the recommended additional rate or charge.

- 4. If Commission Staff recommends changes in the manner in which Fern Lake Company accounts for the depreciation of Fern Lake Company's assets, Fem Lake Company in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require Fem Lake Company to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.
- 5. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff Report by August 12, 2013, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed as agreement with that finding or recommendation.
- 6. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, an informal conference shall be held in this matter on August 26, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.
- 7. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, a formal hearing in this matter shall be held in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky on September 10, 2013 at 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

- 8. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than September 3, 2013, a list of the persons it intends to call as witnesses at the scheduled hearing and a summary of each witness's expected testimony.
- 9. Fern Lake Company shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, no more than 21 days and no less than seven days before the day of the scheduled hearing.
- 10. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9)(a), the record on the formal hearing in this matter shall be by videotape.
- 11. Commission Staff shall prepare a written list of all exhibits presented at the hearing and shall file this list with the Commission with all hearing exhibits and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing.
- The informal conference in this matter that is scheduled for August 15,
   2013 is cancelled.
- 13. All provisions of our Order of May 29, 2013 that do not conflict with the provisions of this Order shall remain in effect.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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