

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT FILING ) CASE NO. 2013-00428  
OF SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT )

ORDER

On December 6, 2013, South Hopkins Water District ("SHWD") applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. After SHWD corrected a deficiency, its application was accepted for filing on January 2, 2014. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of SHWD's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS<sup>1</sup> that:

1. No later than April 2, 2014, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding SHWD's requested rate adjustment.

2. No later than April 16, 2014, 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

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<sup>1</sup> No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of SHWD's proposed rates for general water service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

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 SHWD's financial condition supports a higher rate than SHWD proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in SHWD's application, SHWD 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 SHWD accounts for the depreciation of SHWD's assets, SHWD in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require SHWD 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 April 16, 2014, 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 Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 2:00 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, at a date and time to be subsequently announced.

8. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than May 6, 2014, 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. SHWD 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.

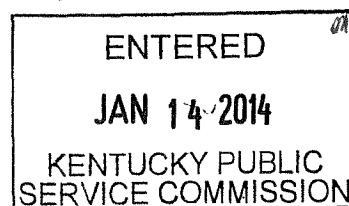
10. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9)(a), the record of the formal hearing in this matter shall be by videotape.

11. Commission Staff shall prepare a written list of all exhibits presented at the hearing and shall file this list, with all hearing exhibits, and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing with the Commission.

12. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than February 14, 2014.

13. A person who submits a motion to intervene after February 14, 2014, and upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
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