COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT) CASE NO. FILING OF BIG SANDY WATER DISTRICT) 2015-00132

ORDER

On April 22, 2015, Big Sandy Water District ("Big Sandy") applied for approval to adjust its rates pursuant to the purchased water adjustment procedure.¹

The Commission, having reviewed the record and being sufficiently advised, finds that:

- 1. Big Sandy purchases water from Cannonsburg Water District ("Cannonsburg"), the city of Kenova ("Kenova"), the city of Louisa ("Louisa"), the city of Ashland ("Ashland"), and Rattlesnake Ridge Water District ("Rattlesnake Ridge").
- 2. On April 30, 2015, Louisa increased its wholesale water rate to Big Sandy from \$2.66 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons.² Big Sandy proposed to increase its water rates to customers, effective April 30, 2015, to reflect the increased cost of purchased water.
- 3. During the 12 months ended January 31, 2014, Big Sandy purchased 203,865,900 gallons of water from Kenova, 88,760,000 gallons from Louisa, 5,996,800 gallons from Rattlesnake Ridge, 54,189,500 gallons from Cannonsburg, and 2,000,000 gallons from Ashland for a total of 354,812,200 gallons. Big Sandy sold 238,243,300

¹ KRS 278.015; 807 KAR 5:068.

² TFS 2015-00173 (Ky. PSC filed Mar. 27, 2015); The tariff was accepted for filing by the Commission by letter dated Apr. 23, 2015.

gallons of water during the same 12 months. The increase in the cost of purchased water is \$35,504.00, resulting in a purchased water adjustment factor of \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons.

- 4. The purchased water adjustment factor of \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons, as calculated in Appendix A to this Order, is fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved.
- 5. The rates proposed by Big Sandy, as set forth in Appendix B to this Order, are fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved for water service rendered on and after April 30, 2015.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The purchased water adjustment factor of \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons is approved.
- 2. Big Sandy's proposed rates are approved for water service rendered on or after April 30, 2015.
- 3. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Big Sandy shall file with the Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets showing the rates approved herein.

By the Commission

ENTERED

MAY 1 4 2015

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00132 DATED MAY 1 4 2015

| Louisa | New Rate | Base Rate |
|--|---|--|
| Purchases in gallons Volumetric rate | 88,760,000 \$ 3.06/1,000 \$271,605.60 | 88,760,000 <u>\$ 2.66/1,000</u> \$236,101.60 |
| Kenova Purchases in gallons Volumetric rate | 203,865,900 <u>No change</u> | 203,865,900 <u>No change</u> |
| Cannonsburg Purchases in gallons Volumetric rate | 54,189,500 <u>No change</u> | 54,189,500 <u>No change</u> |
| Ashland Purchases in gallons Volumetric rate | 2,000,000 <u>No change</u> | 2,000,000 <u>No change</u> |
| Rattlesnake Ridge Purchases in gallons Volumetric rate | 5,996,800 <u>No change</u> | 5,996,800 <u>No change</u> |

Increased water cost \$35,504.00

Increased water cost \$ 35,504.00 Divided by gallons sold/1,000 \$ 238,243,300 \$ 0.1490

Purchased water adjustment factor \$ 0.15 per 1,000 gallons

APPENDIX B

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The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Big Sandy Water District. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Monthly Water Rates

| <u>5/8- X 3/</u> | 4-Inch Met | <u>er</u> | | | |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| First | 1,000 | Gallons | \$ | 16.86 Minimum Bill | |
| Next | 9,000 | Gallons | | 8.59 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| Next | • | Gallons | | 5.99 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| Next | | Gallons | | 5.57 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| Over | 40,000 | Gallons | | 5.34 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| 1-Inch Meter | | | | | |
| First | 10,000 | Galions | \$ | 94.17 Minimum Bill | |
| Next | 10,000 | Gallons | | 5.99 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| Next | • | Gallons | | 5.57 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| Over | 40,000 | Gallons | | 5.34 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| 1 1/2-Inch Meter | | | | | |
| First | 20,000 | Gallons | \$ | 154.07 Minimum Bill | |
| Next | 20,000 | Gallons | • | 5.57 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| Over | 40,000 | Gallons | | 5.34 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| 2-Inch Meter | | | | | |
| First | 40,000 | Gallons | \$ | 265.47 Minimum Bill | |
| Over | 40,000 | Gallons | • | 5.34 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| 3-Inch Meter | | | | | |
| First | 100,000 | Gallons | \$ | 585.87 Minimum Bill | |
| Over | 100,000 | Gallons | Ψ | 5.34 per 1,000 Gallons | |
| 4-Inch Meter | | | | | |
| First | 200,000 | Gallons | ተ 4 | 110.07 Minimum Dill | |
| Over | 200,000 | Gallons | \$ 1 | ,119.87 Minimum Bill | |
| 0461 | 200,000 | Gallons | | 5.34 per 1,000 Gallons | |

Wholesale Customer

| Overland Development | \$ 5.04 per 1,000 Gallons |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cannonsburg Water District | \$ 5.04 per 1,000 Gallons |

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