### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY-AMERICAN ) WATER COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ) RATES )

CASE NO. 2015-00418

## ORDER

On January 29, 2016, Kentucky-American Water Company ("KAWC") submitted its application for Commission approval of: (1) an increase in its base water rates based on a forecasted test period; (2) the establishment of a Qualified Infrastructure Program surcharge; and (3) an increase in tap-on fees. KAWC provided revised tariffs in its application with a stated issuance date of January 29, 2016, and a stated effective date of February 28, 2016.

Having reviewed KAWC's application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be completed by February 28, 2016. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for six months from February 28, 2016, and establish a procedural schedule to ensure the orderly review of KAWC's application.

The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Absent informal resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least four business days prior to the established due date. If this deadline is not met, the filing party should include in the written objection or motion a full and complete explanation for such failure.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. KAWC's proposed rates are suspended for six months, up to and including August 27, 2016.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

3. a. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with an original and an electronic version to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails to furnish all or part of the requested information, the party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

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e. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

4. KAWC shall give notice of a formal hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, KAWC shall file a duplicate of the notice and request with the Commission.

5. A person who submits a motion to intervene after February 29, 2016, and upon a showing of good cause is granted leave to intervene, shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule. At any hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of testimonies, shall be permitted.

6. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon four business days' notice or the filing party shall explain, in writing, why such notice was not possible.

7. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

8. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

ATTEST:

Acting Executive Director

By the Commission ENTERED FEB 2 2 2016 COMMISSION

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## APPENDIX

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00418 DATED FEB 2 2 2016

Requests for intervention shall be filed by02/29/2016
Requests for information to KAWC shall be filed no later than03/07/2016
KAWC shall file responses to requests for information no later than03/24/2016
Supplemental requests for information to KAWC shall be filed no later than04/11/2016
KAWC shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than04/25/2016
Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed in verified prepared form no later than05/09/2016
Requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than05/23/2016
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than06/06/2016
KAWC shall file rebuttal testimony, if any, in written verified form no later than06/14/2016
An informal conference will be held at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of considering the possibility of settlement, the simplification of issues, and any other matters that may aid in the handling or disposition of this case, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time
Public Hearing for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of KAWC and Intervenors beginning at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time
Parties may file written briefs no later than To be scheduled

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