

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF ESTILL)	
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR A)	CASE NO.
SURCHARGE TO FINANCE WATER LOSS)	2019-00119
CONTROL EFFORTS)	

ORDER

On June 13, 2019, Estill County Water District No. 1 (Estill District No. 1) tendered its request to assess a monthly surcharge for at least three years with the surcharge proceeds used to finance water loss reduction projects. Also, on June 13, 2019, Estill District filed a motion to deviate from the filing requirements for applications for general adjustments of existing rates set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16(4)(g).

On August 29, 2019, the Commission entered its Order in response to Estill District's July 29, 2019 motion for deviation and for authorization to commence billing a proposed surcharge subject to refund (Motion). The Order deemed Estill District No. 1's application filed as of August 1, 2019, and allowed Estill District No. 1 to collect the surcharge subject to refund to begin accumulating the financial reserves necessary to take appropriate measures to address its water loss issue. The Commission ordered the surcharge effective as of August 22, 2019, subject to refund. The Order also stated that Estill District No. 1 shall maintain its records in such a manner as will enable it, the Commission, or any of Estill District No. 1's customers to determine the amounts to be refunded, and to whom any refund is due in the event that a refund of any portion of the surcharge is ordered by the Commission.

Estill District No. 1 was a party to Commission Case No. 2019-00041¹ during the pendency of this matter, and the Commission's Order of November 22, 2019, stated that any further remedial action regarding the loss prevention or leak detection programs will be documented in this matter.

Having reviewed the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Estill District No. 1 should continue providing monthly reports on the surcharge account and the activity associated with its water loss, including a narrative portion to explain any updates or give details regarding any efforts undertaken by Estill District No. 1 to reduce water loss.

2. This matter should remain open for the Commission to continue to monitor and approve the ongoing efforts by Estill District No. 1 to take appropriate measures to address its water loss issue in accordance with its application herein and in furtherance of the November 22, 2019 Order in Case No. 2019-00041.²

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that,

1. Estill District No. 1 shall provide monthly reports by the 15th of each month on the surcharge account and the activity associated with its water loss, including a narrative portion to explain any updates or give details regarding any efforts undertaken by Estill District No. 1 to reduce water loss.

2. Estill District No. 1 shall continue to maintain its records in such a manner as will enable it, the Commission, or any of Estill District No. 1's customers to determine

¹ Case No. 2019-00041, *Electronic Investigation into Excessive Water Loss by Kentucky's Jurisdictional Water Utilities*, (Ky. PSC Nov.22, 2019).

² *Id.*

the amounts to be refunded and to whom any refund is due in the event that a refund of any portion of the surcharge is ordered by the Commission.

3. This matter shall remain open for the Commission to continue to monitor and approve the ongoing efforts by Estill District No. 1 to take appropriate measures to address its water loss issue in accordance with its application herein and in furtherance of the November 22, 2019 Order in Case No. 2019-00041.³

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³ *Id.*

By the Commission

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