COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF ELKHORN WATER DISTRICT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO REPLACE 6600 LF OF PIPELINE, TO REPLACE A BOOSTER PUMP STATION, TO INSTALL A NEW MASTER METER, AND NEW INDIVIDUAL METERS, AND TO REFURBISH AN EXISTING ELEVATED WATER TANK

CASE NO. 2020-00113

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This matter arises from Elkhorn Water District's (Elkhorn District) application (Application) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and financing approval to replace 6,600 linear feet of pipeline, replace a booster pump station, install a new master meter, new individual meters, and to refurbish an existing elevated water tank. The Application was accepted for filing on June 10, 2020, and was deemed to have been filed on that date. On August 5, 2020, the Commission extended the 60-day statutory deadline for financing applications to October 8, 2020, pursuant to KRS 278.300(2) given the scope of the projects for which a CPCN has been requested and the fact that financing approval is dependent on the CPCNs.

On September 11, 2020, Elkhorn District was served with Commission Staff's Second Request for Information (Staff's Second Request), which contained five questions seeking to clarify information provided in response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information. Staff's Second Request asked that Elkhorn District provide responses within ten days. On September 17, 2020, Elkhorn District requested a motion for an

extension of time to respond to Staff's Second Request in which it sought an additional 30 days up to and including October 21, 2020, to provide responses to Staff's Second Request. Elkhorn District argues that given the extent of the requests, it needs additional time to respond.

The Commission observes that granting Elkhorn District's motion will require it to further extend the statutory period pursuant to KRS 278.300(2), but notes that Elkhorn District's motion and the fact that it has not responded to Staff's Second Request provide good cause for doing so. The Commission questions the need for a 30-day extension to respond to five follow-up questions, but the Commission will grant Elkhorn District's motion given, among other things, that there are no other parties that will be affected by the request and that the statutory deadline in this matter may be extended. Further, for the reasons discussed above and to ensure there is sufficient time upon receipt of Elkhorn District's responses to Staff's Second Request, the Commission finds good cause for extending the statutory period to November 20, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Elkhorn District's motion for an extension of time is granted;

2. Elkhorn District shall have up to and including October 21, 2020 to respond to Staff's Second Request; and

3. The statutory period is extended pursuant to KRS 278.300(2), for good cause shown, up to and including November 20, 2020.

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By the Commission



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