### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED WATER)CASE NO.ADJUSTMENT FILING OF LARUE COUNTY)2020-00194WATER DISTRICT NO. 1)

#### <u>ORDER</u>

On June 17, 2020, LaRue County Water District No. 1 (LaRue District No. 1) applied for approval to adjust its rates pursuant to the purchased water adjustment procedure.<sup>1</sup>

In a review of the Commissions records from 1985 to the present date, the Commission notes that its records indicate LaRue District No. 1 has never sought a general base rate adjustment. The lack of insight into LaRue District No. 1's financial records indicates to the Commission that LaRue District No. 1 should file an application for a traditional adjustment in rates or an alternative rate adjustment within one year of the date of this Order to ensure its revenue is sufficient to support adequate and reliable service.

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

1. LaRue District No. 1 purchases water from the city of Campbellsville (Campbellsville), Green-Taylor Water District (Green-Taylor District), the city of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KRS 278.015; 807 KAR 5:068.

Bardstown (Bardstown), the city of New Haven (New Haven), Green River Valley Water District (Green River Valley District), and the city of Hodgenville (Hodgenville).

2. Bardstown notified LaRue District No. 1 that its wholesale rate would increase from \$2.45 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.49 per 1,000 gallons effective July 1, 2020. LaRue District No. 1 proposes to increase the water rates to its customers effective July 1, 2020, to reflect the increased cost of purchased water from Bardstown.

3. LaRue District No. 1 proposed a purchased water adjustment factor of \$0.01 per 1,000 gallons in its application.

4. During the 12 months ended April 30, 2020, LaRue District No. 1 purchased 13,117,700 gallons of water from Campbellsville, 3,361,000 gallons of water from Green-Taylor District, 26,923,300 gallons of water from Bardstown, 11,060,400 gallons of water from New Haven, 95,690,500 gallons of water from Green River Valley District, and 41,153,000 gallons of water from Hodgenville. During the same period, LaRue District No. 1 sold 166,936,618 gallons of water. The increase in the cost of purchased water is \$1,076.93, resulting in a purchased water adjustment factor of \$0.01 per 1,000 gallons.

5. The purchased water adjustment factor of \$0.01 per 1,000 gallons, as calculated in Appendix A to this Order, is fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved.

6. LaRue District No. 1's proposed rates are approved.

7. The rates, as set forth in Appendix B to this Order, are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for water service rendered by LaRue District No. 1 on and after July 1, 2020.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The purchased water adjustment factor of \$0.01 per 1,000 gallons is approved.

2. The rates proposed by LaRue District No. 1 are approved.

3. The rates, as set forth in Appendix B to this Order, are approved for water service rendered by LaRue District No. 1 on and after July 1, 2020.

4. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, LaRue District No. 1 shall file with the Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets showing the rates approved herein.

5. LaRue District No. 1 shall file an application for a traditional adjustment in rates or an alternative rate adjustment within one year of the date of entry of this Order.

6. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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# APPENDIX A

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00194 DATED JUL 02 2020

	New Rate	Base Rate	Increase
Green River Valley District	95,690,500	95,690,500	
Purchases in Gallons	<u>No Change</u>	<u>\$2.590/1,000</u>	
Wholesale rate	\$247,838.40	\$247,838.40	
Green–Taylor District	3,361,000	3,361,000	
Purchases in Gallons	<u>No Change</u>	<u>\$2.890/1,000</u>	
Wholesale rate	\$9,713.29	\$9,713.29	
Bardstown	26,923,300	26,923,300	\$1,076.93
Purchases in Gallons	<u>\$2.490/1,000</u>	<u>\$2.450/1,000</u>	
Wholesale rate	\$67,039.02	\$65,962.09	
New Haven	11,060,400	11,060,400	
Purchases in Gallons	<u>No Change</u>	<u>\$2.853/1,000</u>	
Wholesale rate	\$31,555.32	\$31,555.32	
Campbellsville	13,117,700	13,117,700	
Purchases in Gallons	<u>No Change</u>	<u>\$2.350/1,000</u>	
Wholesale rate	\$30,826.60	\$30,826.60	
Hodgenville	41,153,000	41,153,000	
Purchases in Gallons	<u>No Change</u>	<u>\$2.100/1,000</u>	
Wholesale rate	\$86,421.30	\$86,421.30	
Total	\$473,393.93	\$472,317.00	
Increased water cost		\$ 1,076.93	
Increased water cost Divided by Gallons sold/1,000 Purchased water adjustment factor		\$ 1,076.93 <u>166,936,618</u> \$ 0.0065 per 1,00	0 Gallons
		or\$ 0.01 per 1,000 (	Gallons

## APPENDIX B

## APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00194 DATED JUL 02 2020

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by LaRue County Water District No. 1. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

## Monthly Water Rates

<u>5/8- x 3/4-Inch Meter</u>						
	First	1,000	Gallons	\$ 15.45	Minimum bill	
	Next	4,000	Gallons	7.14	per 1,000 Gallons	
	Next	5,000	Gallons	6.38	per 1,000 Gallons	
	All Over	10,000	Gallons	5.21	per 1,000 Gallons	
3/4-Inch Meter						
0/1	First	<u> </u>	Gallons	\$ 29.72	Minimum bill	
	Next	2,000	Gallons	7.14		
	Next	5,000		6.38	1 /	
	All Over			5.21	per 1,000 Gallons	
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<u>1-Inch Meter</u>						
	First	5,000	Gallons	\$ 44.00	Minimum bill	
	Next	5,000	Gallons	6.38	per 1,000 Gallons	
	All Over	10,000	Gallons	5.21	per 1,000 Gallons	
1 1/2-Inch Meter						
	First	10,000	Gallons	\$ 75.88	Minimum bill	
	All Over	10,000	Gallons	5.21	per 1,000 Gallons	
2-Inch Meter						
	First	20,000	Gallons	\$ 127.96	Minimum bill	
	All Over	20,000	Gallons	5.21	per 1,000 Gallons	

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