## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF THE MCCREARY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO ISSUE SECURITIES IN THE APPROXIMATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,702,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT AND REFINANCING OF A SHORT TERM OBLIGATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 278.300 AND 807 KAR 5:001	) ) ) ) ) )	CASE NO. 2020-00151
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MCCREARY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AN ORDER APPROVING A CHANGE IN RATES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO KRS 278.023	) ) ) ) )	CASE NO. 2021-00021

## <u>O R D E R</u>

McCreary County Water District (McCreary District) moved for a 60-day extension of time to file its applications for a rate adjustment as ordered by the Commission in a June 26, 2020 Order in Case No. 2020-00151 and in a February 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2021-00021.

In support of its motion, McCreary District states that it could not begin preparing its rate adjustment application until its annual reports that are filed with the Commission were completed. McCreary District further states that its auditors have not yet completed their review of McCreary District's financial statements. McCreary District contends that in addition to having to prepare applications for both water and sewer service, there are other factors that added to the applications' complexity and require more preparatory work than originally anticipated, including a post-test period rate adjustment of its water rates, the post-test period completion of several improvement projects, the effects of COVID-19 on test-period operations, and cost allocation issues involving McCreary District's water and sewer operations.

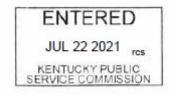
The Commission finds that the requested 60-day extension of time is reasonable for the following reasons. First, McCreary District requests an extension of 60 days, which is a comparatively short delay from the initial deadline. Next, an alternative rate case filing for both water and sewer involves a greater degree of complexity than an alternative rate filing (ARF) for only water or only sewer. Finally, McCreary District was required to file both a water and sewer ARF in a recent Order in Case No. 2020-00399<sup>1</sup> by June 25, 2021, which gave McCreary District only three and a half months to prepare and file the ARF case.

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that McCreary District established good cause and that its motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that McCreary District is granted an extension of time until August 25, 2021, to submit its applications for a rate adjustment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00399, Electronic Application of McCreary County Water District for Authorization to Execute an Assistance Agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Expansion Phase 1 Project (Ky. PSC Mar. 11, 2021).

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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**Executive Director** 

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