## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF CITY OF	)	CASE NO.
AUGUSTA REVISING ITS WHOLESALE WATER	)	2020-00277
ERVICE RATES )	)	

## ORDER

On February 11, 2021, the city of Augusta (Augusta) filed a motion to strike all or a portion of Bracken County Water District's (Bracken District) Request for Information to Augusta served on February 10, 2021, as unduly burdensome and inconsistent with the Commission's admonishment regarding costs. Bracken District responded and argued that Augusta failed to meet its burden that any of the questions were unnecessary or unduly burdensome but noted that it had voluntarily amended its requests to eliminate and reduce the scope of questions. Augusta replied and argued that even with the amendments that Bracken District's Request for Information exceed the scope of the issues Bracken District initially raised.

The Commission finds that Augusta, which bears the burden, failed to establish that it is entitled to the relief requested. While Bracken District's Request for Information initially included approximately 60 questions, they appeared to be relatively straight forward requests for information that generally should be readily available if it exists and Augusta did not explain why any particular request would be unnecessarily or unduly burdensome. Without such an explanation, the Commission is not able to find that any particular request should be struck and is not inclined to strike all requests based purely

on the number of requests made under the circumstances. Further, Bracken District has now voluntarily limited its Request for Information to Augusta by eliminating 16 questions and reducing the scope of other questions. Thus, having reviewed the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Bracken District's motion to strike should be denied.

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Augusta's motion to strike is denied.
- 2. Augusta shall respond to Bracken District's Request for Information, as amended with the February 12, 2021 filing, on or before February 24, 2021.

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# By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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