COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LARUE)CASE NO.COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR A RATE)2021-00285ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)

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

On July 21, 2021, LaRue County Water District No. 1 (LaRue District No. 1) tendered an application with the Commission, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, requesting to adjust its rates for water service. By letter dated July 22, 2021, the Commission notified LaRue District No. 1 that its application was rejected as deficient. LaRue District No. 1 cured its filing deficiencies, and its application was deemed filed on July 23, 2021. In its application, LaRue District No. 1 requested rates that would increase annual water sales revenues by \$202,422,¹ a 12.00 percent across-the-board increase to pro forma present rate water sales revenues.²

Pursuant to the procedural Order, on November 18, 2021, Commission Staff issued a report (Staff Report) summarizing its findings regarding LaRue District No. 1's requested rate adjustment. On December 1, 2021, LaRue District No. 1 filed with the Commission its comments on the Staff Report, and requested that the Commission issue

¹ LaRue District No. 1's Response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (filed Sept. 14, 2021), Item 6.c. (Total Annual Water Sales at Proposed Rates of \$1,939,536.93 – Total Annual Water Sales at Present Rates of \$1,737,114.71 = \$202,422.22).

² Application, LCWD_-_Customer_Notice-1.pdf.

the final Order approving the rates and charges recommended by Commission Staff as quickly as possible.³

On December 15, 2021, in Case No. 2021-00464,⁴ LaRue District No. 1 filed a notice of intent to file an electronic application to refinance a portion of its current indebtedness with Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation (KRWFC). On December 21, 2021, LaRue District No. 1 formally filed its application.

After a review of the application in Case No. 2021-00464, the Commission finds that if approved, the results of refinancing could have a material impact to the debt service coverage in the pending alternative rate filing. Therefore, the Commission puts LaRue District No. 1 on notice that the Commission intends to adjudicate and enter an Order in Case No. 2021-00464 before its issuance of a final Order in this matter. The Commission intends on adjudicating Case No. 2021-00464 as expeditiously as resources permit.

³ LaRue District No. 1's Response to Staff Report (filed Dec. 1, 2021) at paragraph 3.

⁴ Case No. 2021-00464, Electronic Application of Larue County Water District No. 1 to Issue Securities for the Purpose of Refinancing Certain Outstanding Obligations of the District Pursuant to the Provisions of KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001 (filed Dec. 21, 2021).

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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