

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF HARDIN	)	CASE NO.
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR A	)	2023-00247
GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

Hardin County Water District No. 2 (Hardin District No. 2), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on or before either 14 days after submission of the rate application or 21 days after the date of this request, whichever is later. The Commission directs Hardin District No. 2 to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-000851 regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Hardin District No. 2 shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Hardin District No. 2 obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Hardin District No. 2 fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Hardin District No. 2 shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Hardin District No. 2 shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide copies of each of the following, and when appropriate, provide in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible:

a. The general ledger for the calendar years 2021 and 2022; and the trial balance for the calendar years 2021 and 2022.

b. Adjusted Trial Balance showing unaudited account balances, audit adjustments, and audited balances for the calendar years 2021 and 2022.

c. Minutes from Hardin District No. 2's commissioner meetings for the calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

d. Insurance policies for 2021 and 2022, if available.

e. Hours worked by each employee for the calendar years 2021 and 2022.

f. A document listing the names, job titles, job description, and pay rates for each employee during the test year and for those currently employed.

g. A list that describes all employee benefits, other than salaries and wages, paid to, or on behalf of, each employee for each of the previous five years.

h. A document listing the name of all commissioners for each of the five previous years, and state, individually, the total amount of each benefit paid to, or on the behalf of, each commissioner during each year (i.e., wages, health insurance premiums, life insurance premiums, FICA taxes, etc.).

2. Provide each medical insurance policy that Hardin District No. 2 currently maintains.

3. Provide a copy of the most recent invoice received for all insurance policies provided to employees.

4. State whether Hardin District No. 2 participates in the County Employee Retirement System. If not, explain the method Hardin District No. 2 provides employees for retirement.

5. Provide Hardin District No. 2's cash account balances at the beginning of the most recent calendar year and at the end of each month through the date of this request.

6. Identify the number of new water connections that Hardin District No. 2 installed in calendar years 2021 and 2022.

7. Provide Hardin District No. 2's cash account balances at the beginning of the most recent calendar year and at the end of each month through the date of this request.

8. Provide a detailed analysis of expenses for professional services during the test year, as shown in Schedule B, and all workpapers supporting the analysis. At a minimum, the workpapers should show the payee, dollar amount, reference (i.e., voucher no., etc.), account charged, hourly rates and time charged to the company according to each invoice, and a description of the services provided.

9. Provide the following information:

a. A detailed analysis of charges booked for advertising expenditures during the test year. Include a complete breakdown of Account No. 660 – Advertising Expenses, and any other advertising expenditures included in any other expense accounts, as shown in Schedule C1. The analysis should specify the purpose of the expenditure and the expected benefit to be derived.

b. An analysis of Account No. 675 – Miscellaneous General Expenses for the test year. Include a complete breakdown of this account as shown in Schedule C2 and provide detailed workpapers supporting this analysis. At a minimum, the analysis should show the date, vendor, reference (i.e., voucher no., etc.), dollar amount, and brief description of each expenditure of \$500 or more, provided that lesser items are grouped by classes as shown in Schedule C2.

c. An analysis of Accounts No. 433 and 434 – Extraordinary Income and Extraordinary Deductions for the test year. Include a complete breakdown of this account as shown in Schedule C3 and provide detailed workpapers supporting this analysis. At a minimum, the analysis should show the date, vendor, reference (i.e., voucher no., etc.), dollar amount, and a brief description of each expenditure of \$500 or more, provided that lesser items are grouped by classes as shown in Schedule C3.

10. Provide an analysis of Hardin District No. 2's expenses for research and development activities for the test year and the three most recent calendar years. The analysis should include the following:

a. The basis of fees paid to research organizations and Hardin District No. 2's portion of the total revenue of each organization. Where the contribution is monthly, provide the current rate and the effective date.

b. Details of the research activities conducted by each organization.

c. Details of services and other benefits provided to Hardin District No. 2 by each organization.

d. Annual expenditures of each organization with a basic description of the nature of costs incurred by the organization.

e. Details of the expected benefits to Hardin District No. 2.

11. Describe Hardin District No. 2's lobbying activities and provide a schedule showing the name, salary, and job title of each individual whose job function involves lobbying on the local, state, or national level.

12. Provide the following information concerning the costs for the preparation of this case:

a. A detailed schedule of expenses incurred to date for the following categories:

- (1) Accounting;
- (2) Engineering;
- (3) Legal;
- (4) Consultants; and
- (5) Other Expenses (Identify separately).

b. For each category identified in Item 12.a., the schedule should include the date of each transaction, check number or other document reference, the vendor, the hours worked, the rates per hour, amount, a description of the services performed, and the account number in which the expenditure was recorded. Provide copies of contracts or other documentation that support charges incurred in the preparation of this case. Identify any costs incurred for this case that occurred during the test year.

c. An itemized estimate of the total cost to be incurred for this case. Expenses should be broken down into the same categories as identified in Item 12.a, with an estimate of the hours to be worked and the rates per hour. Include a detailed explanation of how the estimate was determined, along with all supporting workpapers and calculations.

d. Provide monthly updates of the actual costs incurred in conjunction with this rate case, reported in the manner requested in Items 12.a. and 12.b., and a cumulative total of cost incurred to date for each category. Updates will be due when

Hardin District No. 2 files its monthly financial statements with the Commission, through the month of the public hearing.

13. Provide the journal entries relating to the purchase of utility plant acquired as an operating unit or system by purchase, merger, consolidation, liquidation, or otherwise currently included in rate base. Also, provide a schedule showing the calculation of the acquisition adjustment at the date of purchase for each item of utility plant, the amortization period, and the unamortized balance at the beginning of the test year.

14. Provide the following:

a. A list of all outstanding issues of long-term debt as of the end of the latest calendar year together with the related information as shown in Schedule D1.

b. An analysis of short-term debt as shown in Schedule D2 as of the end of the latest calendar year.

15. State whether any changes have been made to Hardin District No. 2's internal accounting manuals, directives, and policies and procedures since Hardin District No. 2's most recent rate case. If so, provide each item that was changed and identify the changes.

16. Provide Hardin District No. 2's long-term construction planning program.

17. Provide a copy of Hardin District No. 2's most recent depreciation schedule. The schedule should include a list of all facilities by account number, service life and accrual rate for each plant item, the methodology that supports the schedule, and the date the schedule was last updated.

18. Provide a complete description of Hardin District No. 2's Other Post-Employment Benefits package(s) provided to its employees.

19. Provide a complete description of the financial reporting and ratemaking treatment of Hardin District No. 2's pension costs.

20. Provide detailed descriptions of all early retirement plans or other staff reduction programs Hardin District No. 2 has offered or intends to offer its employees during the test year. Include all cost-benefit analyses associated with these programs.

21. For the three most recent calendar years and the test year if it is not one of the three most recent calendar years, provide a schedule reflecting the job title, duties and responsibilities of each executive officer, the number of employees who report to each officer, and to whom each officer reports, and the percentage annual increase and the effective date of each increase. For employees elected to executive officer status since the test year in Hardin District No. 2's most recent rate case, provide the salaries for the persons they replaced.

22. Provide all current labor contracts and the most recent labor contracts previously in effect.

23. For each employee group, state the amount, percentage increase, and effective dates for general wage increases and, separately, for merit increases granted in the past two calendar years and the test year if it is not a recent calendar year.

24. Provide a listing of all health care plan categories, dental plan categories, and vision plan categories available to corporate officers individually and to groups defined as Directors, Managers, Supervisors, Exempt, Non-Exempt, Union, and Non-Union Hourly employees (e.g., single, family, etc.). Include the associated employee



contribution rates and employer contribution rates of the total premium cost for each category, and each plan's deductible(s) amounts.

25. Provide a listing of all life insurance plan categories available to corporate officers individually and to groups defined as Directors, Managers, Supervisors, Exempt, Non-Exempt, Union, and Non-Union Hourly employees. Include the associated employee contribution rates and employer contribution rates of the total premium cost for each plan category.

26. Provide a listing of all retirement plans available to corporate officers individually and to groups defined as Directors, Managers, Supervisors, Exempt, Non-Exempt, Union, and Non-Union Hourly employees. Include the associated employee contribution rates, if any, and employer contribution rates of the total cost for each plan category.

27. Concerning employee fringe benefits:

a. Provide a detailed list of all fringe benefits available to Hardin District No. 2's employees. Indicate any fringe benefits that are limited to management employees.

b. Provide comparative cost information for the 12 months preceding the test year and following the test year. Explain any changes in fringe benefits occurring over this 24-month period.

28. State whether Hardin District No. 2, through an outside consultant or otherwise, performed a study or survey to compare its wages, salaries, benefits, and other compensation to those of other utilities in the region, or to other local or regional enterprises.

a. If comparisons were performed, provide the results of the study or survey, including all workpapers and discuss the results of such comparisons. State whether any adjustments to wages, salaries, benefits, and other compensation in the rate application are consistent with the results of such comparisons.

b. If comparisons were not performed, explain why such comparisons were not performed.

29. Regarding Hardin District No. 2's employee compensation policy:

a. Provide Hardin District No. 2's written compensation policy as approved by the board of directors.

b. Provide a narrative description of the compensation policy, including the reasons for establishing the policy and Hardin District No. 2's objectives for the policy.

c. Explain whether the compensation policy was developed with the assistance of an outside consultant. If the compensation policy was developed or reviewed by a consultant, provide any study or report provided by the consultant.

d. Explain when Hardin District No. 2's compensation policy was last reviewed or given consideration by the board of directors.

e. Explain whether Hardin District No. 2's expenses for wages, salaries, benefits, and other compensation included in the test year and any adjustments to the test year, are compliant with the board of director's compensation policy.

30. To the extent not provided in the responses above, provide all wage, compensation, or employee benefits studies, analyses, or surveys conducted since Hardin District No. 2's last rate case or that are currently utilized by Hardin District No. 2.

31. Provide the average number of customers on Hardin District No. 2's system, by rate schedule, for the three most recent calendar years and the test year if it is not a recent calendar year.

32. To the extent not already provided, provide a copy of each cost of service study, billing analysis, and all exhibits and schedules that were prepared in Hardin District No. 2's rate application in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible.

33. To the extent not already provided, provide all workpapers, calculations, and assumptions Hardin District No. 2 used to develop its pro forma financial information in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible.

34. Provide a detailed explanation of the method of allocation used to allocate and Revenues and Expenses associated with any and all other utilities operated by Hardin District No. 2.

35. Provide the number of occurrences and the dollar amount for late fees that were assessed during the calendar years 2021 and 2022.

36. Provide the total amount collected for each nonrecurring charge and the number of occurrences for each nonrecurring charge that was assessed during the 2021 test year.

37. Provide updated cost justification sheets for all nonrecurring charges listed in Hardin District No. 2's tariff.

38. a. Provide the date that Hardin District No. 2 water's billing cycle begins (meter read date).

b. State whether the date that the billing cycle begins is the date that would be best stated as the effective date of any order the Commission issues concerning rates in this case.

39. Provide an overview of any actions planned or taken by Hardin District No. 2 to reduce its water loss, including any water loss reduction plan.



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DATED     AUG 08 2023    

cc: Parties of Record

Hardin County Water District #2  
Case No. 2023-00247Analysis of Professional Services Expenses  
For the 12 Months Ended \_\_\_\_\_

Line No.	Item (a)	Rate Case (b)	Annual Audit (c)	Other (d)	Total (e)
1.	Legal				
2.	Engineering				
3.	Accounting				
4.	Other				
5.	Total				

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Analysis of Advertising Expenses  
(Including Account No. 660)  
For the 12 Months Ended \_\_\_\_\_

Line No.	Item (a)	Sales or Promotional Advertising (b)	Institutional Advertising (c)	Conservation Advertising (d)	Rate Case (e)	Other (f)	Total (g)
1.	Newspaper						
2.	Magazines and Other						
3.	Television						
4.	Radio						
5.	Direct Mail						
6.	Sales Aids						
7.	Total						
8.	Amount Assigned to Kentucky Jurisdictional						

Note: Specify the purpose of the expenditures and the expected benefit to be derived.

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Analysis of Account No. 675 – Miscellaneous General Expenses  
For the 12 Months Ended \_\_\_\_\_

Line No.	Item (a)	Amount (b)
1.	Industry Association Dues	
2.	Stockholder and Debt Service Expenses	
3.	Institutional Advertising	
4.	Conservation Advertising	
5.	Rate Department Load Studies	
6.	Director's Fees and Expenses	
7.	Dues and Subscriptions	
8.	Miscellaneous	
9.	Total	
10.	Amount Assigned to Kentucky Jurisdictional	

Note: Include detailed workpapers supporting this analysis. Expenditures under \$500 are to be grouped by the classes shown on this Schedule.

Hardin County Water District #2  
Case No. 2023-00247Analysis of Account No. 426 – Other Income Deductions  
For the 12 Months Ended \_\_\_\_\_

Line No.	Item (a)	Amount (b)
1.	Donations	
2.	Civic Activities	
3.	Political Activities	
4.	Other	
5.	Total	

Note: Include detailed workpapers supporting this analysis. Expenditures under \$500 are to be grouped by the classes shown on this Schedule.



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Reconciliation of Book Net Income and Federal Taxable Income  
12 Months Ended December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

Line No.	Item (a)	Total Company (b)	Total Company Non-Operating (c)	Operating	
				Kentucky Retail (d)	Other Jurisdictional (e)
1.	Net income per books				
2.	Add income taxes:				
3.	Federal income tax – current				
4.	Federal income tax – deferred depreciation				
5.	Federal income tax – deferred other				
6.	Investment tax credit adjustment				
7.	Federal income taxes charged to other income and deductions				
8.	State income taxes				
9.	State income taxes charged to other income and deductions				
10.	Total				
11.	Flow through items:				
12.	Add (itemize)				
13.	Deduct (itemize)				
14.	Book taxable income				
15.	Differences between book taxable income and taxable income per tax return:				
16.	Add (itemize)				
17.	Deduct (itemize)				
18.	Taxable income per return				

Note: (1) Provide a calculation of the amount shown on Lines 3 through 7 above.  
 (2) Provide workpapers supporting each calculation including the depreciation for straight-line tax and accelerated tax depreciation.  
 (3) Provide a schedule setting forth the basis of allocation of each item of revenue or cost above.

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Reconciliation of Book Net Income and State Taxable Income  
12 Months Ended December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

Line No.	Item (a)	Total Company (b)	Total Company Non-Operating (c)	Operating	
				Kentucky Retail (d)	Other Jurisdictional (e)
1.	Net income per books				
2.	Add income taxes:				
3.	Federal income tax – current				
4.	Federal income tax – deferred depreciation				
5.	Federal income tax – deferred other				
6.	Investment tax credit adjustment				
7.	Federal income taxes charged to other income and deductions				
8.	State income taxes				
9.	State income taxes charged to other income and deductions				
10.	Total				
11.	Flow through items:				
12.	Add (itemize)				
13.	Deduct (itemize)				
14.	Book taxable income				
15.	Differences between book taxable income and taxable income per tax return:				
16.	Add (itemize)				
17.	Deduct (itemize)				
18.	Taxable income per return				

Note: (1) Provide a calculation of the amount shown on Lines 3 through 7 above.  
 (2) Provide workpapers supporting each calculation including the depreciation for straight-line tax and accelerated tax depreciation.  
 (3) Provide a schedule setting forth the basis of allocation of each item of revenue or cost allocated above.

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