

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BLUEGRASS	)	
WATER UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC	)	CASE NO.
FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF WATER AND	)	2025-00354
SEWAGE RATES	)	

O R D E R

On December 11, 2025, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company LLC (Bluegrass Water) tendered an application for a general rate adjustment and a motion for deviation for various filing requirements. On January 5, 2026, the Commission issued an Order granting the motion for deviation; however, the Commission noted that the application was still deficient. On January 9, 2026, Bluegrass Water cured the deficiencies and the application was deemed filed. Bluegrass Water based its application on a forecasted test year.<sup>1</sup> The application proposed that the new rates become effective on January 31, 2026.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), changes to any rate by any utility is prohibited except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Therefore, since the application was accepted for filing as of January 9, 2026, the earliest date that Bluegrass Water's proposed rates can be effective is February 8, 2026. Having reviewed Bluegrass Water's application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Intent (filed Oct. 24, 2025).

the reasonableness of the proposed rates, and that an investigation cannot be completed by February 8, 2026. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for six months, up to and including August 8, 2026.

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this case. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

The Commission further finds that a hearing in this matter should be held on April 28, 2026, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and continuing until called from the bench by the presiding officer, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Additionally, any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continue until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

2. Bluegrass Water's proposed rates are suspended for six months, up to and including August 8, 2026.

3. All parties shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

4. A hearing on this matter shall be held on April 28, 2026, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and continue until called from the bench by the presiding officer, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

5. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>2</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.

6. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not otherwise adequately represented in the case, or (2) that intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding

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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding the potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

7. Any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

8. Bluegrass Water shall give notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov" the day of the hearing, and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing." At the time the notice is mailed or publication is requested, Bluegrass Water shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

9. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

10. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continue until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal

announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

11. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

12. Parties shall file a witness list at least seven days prior to the hearing date.

13. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

14. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

15. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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Commissioner

  
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ATTEST:

  
Linda Bridwell RP

Executive Director



## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00354 DATED JAN 28 2026

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted..... 02/06/2026

All initial requests for information from Bluegrass Water  
shall be filed no later than ..... 02/16/2026

Bluegrass Water shall file responses to initial requests for  
information no later than..... 03/02/2026

All supplemental requests for information to Bluegrass Water  
shall be filed no later than ..... 03/13/2026

Bluegrass Water shall file responses to supplemental requests  
for information no later than ..... 03/27/2026

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared  
form shall be filed no later than ..... 03/30/2026

All requests for information to intervenors shall  
be filed no later than ..... 04/06/2026

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for  
information no later than..... 04/17/2026

Bluegrass Water shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal  
testimony no later than ..... 04/20/2026

Public hearing to be held at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time: in the Richard Raff Hearing  
Room  
at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard,  
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination  
of witnesses of Bluegrass Water and intervenors ..... 04/28/2026

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