COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF JOANN ESTATES UTILITIES, INC. FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL UTILITIES PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)) CASE NO. 2013-00307
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ORDER

Joann Estates Utilities, Inc. ("Joann Estates") has applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Joann Estates's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS¹ that:

- 1. No later than November 27, 2013, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Joann Estates' requested rate adjustment.
- 2. No later than December 13, 2013, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, each party of record shall file with the Commission:
- a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission Staff Report;
 - b. Any additional evidence for the Commission's consideration; and,

No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Joann Estates' proposed rates for general water service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or until six months from the date of the filing of its application.

- c. Written notice as to whether this matter may be submitted for decision based upon the existing record without hearing.
- 3. If Commission Staff finds that Joann Estates' financial condition supports a higher rate than Joann Estates proposes, or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Joann Estates' application, Joann Estates in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should authorize the assessment of the higher rate or the recommended additional rate or charge.
- 4. If Commission Staff recommends changes in the manner in which Joann Estates accounts for the depreciation of Joann Estates' assets, Joann Estates in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require Joann Estates to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.
- 5. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff Report by December 13, 2013, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed as agreement with that finding or recommendation.
- 6. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, an informal conference shall be held in this matter on December 20, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.
- 7. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, a formal hearing in this matter shall be held in the Commission's

offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, at a date and time to be subsequently announced.

- 8. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than January 10, 2014, a list of the persons it intends to call as witnesses at the scheduled hearing and a summary of each witness's expected testimony.
- 9. Joann Estates shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, no more than 21 days and no less than seven days before the day of the scheduled hearing.
- 10. Pursuant to KRS 278.360, the record on the formal hearing in this matter shall be by videotape.
- 11. Commission Staff shall prepare a written list of all exhibits presented at the hearing and shall file this list with the Commission with all hearing exhibits and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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