## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF WESTERN LEWIS-CASE NO. **RECTORVILLE WATER & GAS DISTRICT FOR** RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL UTILITIES PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076

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## ORDER

On July 25, 2014, Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District ("Western Lewis-Rectorville") applied for an adjustment of its water rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. After Western Lewis-Rectorville corrected a deficiency, its application was accepted for filing on August 12, 2014. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Western Lewis-Rectorville's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS<sup>1</sup> that:

No later than November 7, 2014, Commission Staff shall file with the 1. Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Western Lewis-Rectorville's requested rate adjustment.

2. No later than November 21, 2014, 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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Western Lewis-Rectorville's proposed rates for general water service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant which applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set for in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

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 to consider; and

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 Western Lewis-Rectorville's financial condition supports a higher rate than Western Lewis-Rectorville proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in its application, Western Lewis-Rectorville, 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 Western Lewis-Rectorville accounts for the depreciation of its assets, Western Lewis-Rectorville, in its response to the Commission Staff Report, shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require it 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 November 21, 2014, 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 1,

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2014, at 2:00 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 December 15, 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. Western Lewis-Rectorville shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 12, no more than 21 days and no less than seven days before the day of the scheduled hearing.

10. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9)(a), the record of 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 all hearing exhibits, and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing with the Commission.

12. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than September 23, 2014.

13. A person who submits a motion to intervene after September 23, 2014, and upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

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