COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MOUNTAIN)	
WATER DISTRICT FOR)	Case No. 2014-000342
AN ADJUSTMENT OF WATER AND)	
SEWER RATES)	

MOTION

Mountain Water District (MWD), by counsel, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001(22) moves for an order granting a deviation from 807 KAR 5:00(17)(2) (a) - Customer Notice - which states:

(a) If a utility has twenty (20) or fewer customers or is a sewage utility, the utility shall mail a written notice to each customer no later than the date on which the application is submitted to the commission.

Mountain is a combined water and sewer district, which gave notice of its intent to file a general adjustment of rates on September 25, 2014. It has approximately 17,300 water customers and 2,400 sewer customers. Mountain asserts that it would be more effective and less costly to provide notice to all customers of the proposed rate changes if a unified newspaper notice of both rates is allowed. By providing notice of the intention to raise both rates, all customers will be aware of the rate changes. This awareness may avoid confusion about the changes and clearly inform all customers of the changes to both rates.

KRS 278.185, which required written notice of a sewer rate change, was repealed in the 2014 session of the General Assembly – SB 123. 807 KAR 5:001(17)(2)(a) has been revised to delete the written notice of rate changes to sewer customers. That proposed change is pending before the Legislative Administrative Regulation Review Committee.

Given the pending change to the regulation and the benefits of a unified notice to all of its customers, Mountain moves for an order granting a deviation from written notice to each sewer customer of the proposed sewer rate adjustment and allowing a unified newspaper notice of the proposed rates for water and sewer service.

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