

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING OF)	CASE NO.
EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER)	2014-00385
ASSOCIATION, INC.)	

ORDER

On November 3, 2014, Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. ("ERWA") applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. After ERWA corrected a deficiency, its application was accepted for filing on November 20, 2014. ERWA also has asked the Commission to revise its meter reading fee in a separate application filed through the Commission's tariff filing system. Pursuant to an Order issued on November 25, 2014, ERWA's application to revise its meter reading fee has been suspended and is considered a part of ERWA's Alternative Rate Filing application to increase its water service rates. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of ERWA's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS¹ that:

1. No later than February 26, 2015, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding ERWA's requested rate adjustment.

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of ERWA's 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 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.

2. No later than March 12, 2015, 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 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 ERWA's financial condition supports a higher rate than ERWA proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in ERWA's application, ERWA, in its response to the Commission Staff Report, shall state in writing its position 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 ERWA accounts for the depreciation of ERWA'S assets, ERWA, in its response to the Commission Staff Report, shall state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require ERWA 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 March 12, 2015, 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 March 19,

2015, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight 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 scheduled.

8. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than March 26, 2015, 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. ERWA 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 December 31, 2014.

13. A person who submits a motion to intervene after December 31, 2014, and, upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention, shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

By the Commission

ENTERED
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