## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

## APPLICATION OF LAUREL COUNTY WATER ) DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT ) CASE NO. 2015-00341 PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076 )

## <u>ORDER</u>

On October 13, 2015, Laurel County Water District No. 2 ("Laurel No. 2") applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. After Laurel No. 2 corrected filing deficiencies, its Application was accepted for filing on November 6, 2015. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Laurel No. 2's Application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS<sup>1</sup> that:

1. No later than February 12, 2016, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings regarding Laurel No. 2's requested rate adjustment.

2. No later than February 26, 2016, 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 contained in the Commission Staff Report; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Laurel No. 2'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.

b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

c. If a party requests a hearing or informal conference, then the party shall make the request in its written comments and state the reason why a hearing or informal conference is necessary.

3. If Commission Staff finds that Laurel No. 2's financial condition supports a higher rate than Laurel No. 2 proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Laurel No. 2's application, Laurel No. 2 shall state its position in writing in its response to the Commission Staff Report on whether the Commission should authorize the assessment of the higher rate or the additional rate or charge.

4. If Commission Staff finds that changes in the manner in which Laurel No. 2 accounts for the depreciation of Laurel No. 2's assets, Laurel No. 2 shall state its position in writing in its response to the Commission Staff Report on whether the Commission should require Laurel No. 2 to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.

5. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding contained in the Commission Staff Report by February 26, 2016, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding.

6. A party's failure to request a hearing or informal conference in the party's written response shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application and a request that the case stand submitted for decision.

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A party's failure to file a written response by February 26, 2016, or 14 7. days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application.

8. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than December 7, 2016.

A person who submits a motion to intervene after December 7, 2016, and 9. upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

By the Commission

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