COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF SANDY HOOK WATER)CASE NO.DISTRICT FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT)2016-00265PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)

<u>ORDER</u>

On July 19, 2016, Sandy Hook Water District ("Sandy Hook") applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Sandy Hook's application was accepted for filing on July 19, 2016. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Sandy Hook's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS¹ that:

1. No later than October 18, 2016, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Sandy Hook's requested rate adjustment.

- No later than 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff
 Report 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; and

b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Sandy Hook'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.

3. If Commission Staff finds that Sandy Hook's financial condition supports a higher rate than Sandy Hook proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Sandy Hook's application, Sandy Hook 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 finds that changes should be made to the manner in which Sandy Hook accounts for the depreciation of Sandy Hook's assets, Sandy Hook in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require Sandy Hook 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 within 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report shall be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. A party's failure to file a written response within 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report shall be deemed waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application.

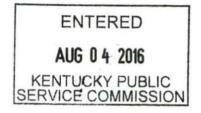
Case No. 2016-00265

-2-

9. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than August 18, 2016.

10. A person who submits a motion to intervene after August 18, 2016, and upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention, shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

Uathen-

Executive Director

Case No. 2016-00265

*Holly Nicholas Kentucky Eng Group PLLC P.O. Box 1034 Versailles, KENTUCKY 40383

*S. Morgan Faulkner Office of the Attorney General Utility & Rate 1024 Capital Center Drive Suite 200 Frankfort, KENTUCKY 40601-8204

*Sandy Hook Water District 1000 Howard's Creek Road P. O. Box 726 Sandy Hook, KY 41171