

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTH	)	
MERCER WATER DISTRICT FOR RATE	)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT MADE PURSUANT TO	)	2016-00325
807 KAR 5:076	)	

ORDER

On November 16, 2016, the Commission received North Mercer Water District's ("North Mercer") application ("Application") requesting to adjust its monthly water service rates pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. After North Mercer cured the deficiencies within its Application, it was accepted for filing on December 9, 2016. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of North Mercer's Application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS<sup>1</sup> that:

1. No later than March 24, 2017, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding North Mercer's requested rate adjustment.

2. 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:

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<sup>1</sup> No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of North Mercer'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.

a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings contained in the Commission Staff Report; and

b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

3. If Commission Staff finds that North Mercer's financial condition supports a higher rate than North Mercer proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in North Mercer's Application, North Mercer 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 additional rate or charge.

4. If Commission Staff finds that changes should be made to the manner in which North Mercer accounts for the depreciation of North Mercer's assets, North Mercer in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require North Mercer 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.

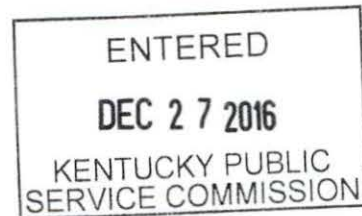
7. A party's failure to request a hearing or informal conference in the party's written response shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the Application and a request that the case stand submitted for decision.

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 a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the Application.

9. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than January 13, 2017.

10. Any motion to intervene filed after January 13, 2017, shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

By the Commission



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