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April 20, 2017

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2016-00432

Attached is a copy of a memorandum which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the memorandum please do so within five days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Fell, Commission Staff Attorney, at 502-782-2585.

Sincerely,

Talina R. Mathews **Executive Director**

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Attachments



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INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM ADDENDUM

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO:

Case File - Case No. 2016-00432

FROM:

Jennifer Fell, Staff Attorney JUF

DATE:

April 20, 2017

RE:

Informal Conference of April 13, 2017

Pursuant to Commission Staff's ("Staff") April 4, 2017 notice, an informal conference ("IC") was held in this matter on April 13, 2017. A list of attendees is attached.

Hardin County Water District No. 2 ("Hardin No. 2") explained that it began its Sample Meter Testing Plan in 2016, by sample testing a statistically representative group of meters that had been installed in 2006, and in service for ten years. No prior approval has been given by the Commission in regards to the sample testing that commenced in 2016. Hardin No. 2 further explained its Sample Meter Testing Plan for future years would be comprised of sampling additional randomly chosen lots of meters, each year, for meters in the age classes of 11–15 years of service. There was also discussion with Staff as to whether a 'control group' of meters (i.e. those randomly chosen once and then tested through 15 years of service) was appropriate, or whether a new random selection would be necessary each year.

The proposed cost-effectiveness, or cost savings, of the Sample Meter Testing Program was also discussed and Staff requested from Hardin No. 2 an estimate of the costs associated with testing the meters in addition to the replacement costs for the meters cited in the application.

Hardin No. 2 also discussed its proposal to use the statistical method prescribed in *American National Standard Institute ANSI/ASQ Z1.9-2003 (R2013)* ("ANSI Standard") for the sample size and acceptability of its meters' maximum and intermediate flow rates. Hardin No. 2 also explained why it has proposed to use the means-analysis test for the minimum flow rate, given an asymmetry in the ANSI Standard for minimum flow on water meters. There was discussion as to whether a valid sample testing plan will require the ANSI Standard to be applied across all flow rates, and whether the ANSI Standard might provide for some alternate method that would account for the asymmetry in water meters' minimum flow category.

Staff informed Hardin No. 2 that a request for information would be issued in the near future to address the matters discussed at the IC.

Finding that no party had any further questions, the conference was adjourned.

Attachment

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR A DECLARATORY ORDE THAT SAMPLE TESTING SATISFIES THE TESTING REQUIREMENTS OF 807 KAR 5:066 SECTION 16(1) OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR AN ORDER GRANTING A DEVIATION FROM 807 KAR 5:066 SECTION 16(1)	
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