

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF WESTERN LEWIS	)	
RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT	)	CASE NO.
FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL	)	2017-00074
UTILITIES PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076	)	

ORDER

On February 14, 2017, Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (“Western Lewis”) tendered its application (“Application”) for an adjustment of its base gas rates pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Western Lewis’s Application met the initial filing requirements on March 6, 2017. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Western Lewis’ Application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS<sup>1</sup> that:

1. All parties and Commission Staff shall serve their requests for information to Western Lewis no later than March 31, 2017.
2. Western Lewis shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record its responses to the requests for information no later than April 14, 2017.
3. All parties and Commission Staff shall serve their supplemental requests for information upon Western Lewis no later than April 28, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Western Lewis’s proposed rates for gas service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth 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 the application is accepted for filing.

4. Western Lewis shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record its responses to the supplemental requests for information no later than May 12, 2017.

5. No later than June 9, 2017, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report ("Commission Staff Report") containing its findings and recommendations regarding Western Lewis's requested rate adjustment.

6. 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;

b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

c. Written notice as to whether this matter may be submitted for a decision based upon the existing record without a hearing.

7. If Commission Staff finds that Western Lewis's financial condition supports a higher rate than Western Lewis proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Western Lewis's Application, Western Lewis, in its responses 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 recommend an additional rate or charge.

8. If Commission Staff recommends changes in the manner in which Western Lewis accounts for the depreciation of Western Lewis's assets, Western Lewis, in its response to the Commission Staff Report, shall also state its position in writing on

whether the Commission should require Western Lewis to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.

9. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff Report within 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report shall be deemed as an agreement with that finding or recommendation.

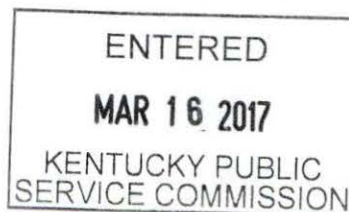
10. A party's failure to request a hearing or informal conference in the party's written response shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application and a request that the case stand submitted for a decision.

11. 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.

12. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than March 24, 2017.

13. A person who submits a motion to intervene after March 24, 2017, and upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
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