

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTH	)	
HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT FOR A	)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENINCE AND	)	CASE NO.
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A SYSTEM	)	2020-00126
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AN ORDER	)	
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES	)	
PURSUANT TO KRS 278.023	)	

ORDER

The Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. A hearing in this matter shall be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room (Hearing Room 1) at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.
2. North Hopkins Water District (North Hopkins District) Board Chairman Norman Adams and North Hopkins District Board Members James Ashby, Greg Crowley and Allen Legrand shall appear in person at the December 15, 2020 hearing to provide testimony on behalf of North Hopkins Water District.
3. Manager of North Hopkins District, Tamara Hunter, shall appear in person at the December 15, 2020 hearing to provide testimony on behalf of North Hopkins District.
4. Additional witnesses may be identified in a future Order to provide testimony regarding the financial and operational state of North Hopkins District.

5. North Hopkins District shall give notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: “This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov)” and “Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).” At the time the notice is mailed or publication is requested, North Hopkins District shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

6. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.

7. North Hopkins District shall respond to the information requests contained in the Appendix of this Order within 14 days of the date of filing of this Order.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
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Acting Executive Director

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00126 DATED SEP 24 2020

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO NORTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT

North Hopkins Water District (North Hopkins District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due within fourteen days of the date of this request. The Commission directs North Hopkins District to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

North Hopkins District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if North Hopkins District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which North Hopkins District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, North Hopkins District shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, North Hopkins District shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide the status of the construction approved in the Commission's May 6, 2020 Order.
2. Provide an explanation for how North Hopkins District will replace customers' meters that have not been tested in ten years, including how the replacement of the meters will be funded.
3. Provide a detailed explanation of any disputes between North Hopkins District and the city of Madisonville.

4. Provide a description of North Hopkins District's efforts to convince Madisonville to improve its water quality. Include descriptions of all meetings and provide all correspondence between North Hopkins District and Madisonville that concerns water quality issues.

5. Explain whether there were other motivations beyond the water quality issues described in the application for North Hopkins District to install a pipeline to Webster County Water District (Webster District).

6. Provide a copy of the purchased water agreement between North Hopkins District and Webster District. If no formal document exists, provide an explanation containing the details of the agreement.

7. Provide a list of alternatives to connecting to Webster District that North Hopkins District considered to resolve its water quality problems.

8. Provide a detailed explanation for how installing the new pipeline to Webster District will correct North Hopkins District's deficiency with its master meters.

9. Explain whether North Hopkins District's decision to install a pipeline to Webster District will have any effect on North Hopkins District's water loss issues.

10. Explain why North Hopkins District has failed to file a monthly water loss report for the past two years.

11. Explain the impact that changing suppliers has on North Hopkins District's purchase water expense.

12. Explain whether North Hopkins District has been approached by any other entity seeking to acquire it or merge with it.

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