

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC FARMDALE WATER DISTRICT'S)	
UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER LOSS)	CASE NO.
REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND)	2020-00217
MONITORING)	

ORDER

On December 22, 2022, Farmdale Water District (Farmdale District) filed an Annual Report as well as a motion for an extension of time to file a qualified infrastructure improvement plan (QIIP) until February 22, 2023. The Commission finds that the Annual Report should be accepted as filed, and for the reasons discussed below, the extension should be granted.

BACKGROUND

On July 7, 2020, the Commission entered an Order initiating this Unaccounted-for Water Loss Reduction Plan and Surcharge Monitoring case. As part of that July 7, 2020 Order, Farmdale District was ordered, within 120 days of entry of the Order, to file with the Commission a QIIP, to file a monthly activity report on the 15th of each of month, to file a monthly water loss report on the 15th of each month, and to file a schedule of estimated and actual progress of the water loss detection and repair program and estimated and actual expenditures made with the surcharge proceeds (annual progress report) for the purpose of evaluating whether adjustments to the program or the surcharge amount are required, among other things.

Farmdale District has filed four motions requesting extensions to file the QIIP, including the current motion. On December 21, 2020, Farmdale District filed its first motion for extension stating it was waiting on the completion of a comprehensive water audit being performed by Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA). The Commission granted the extension on December 23, 2020, to allow filing of the QIIP as late as April 20, 2021. On April 19, 2021, Farmdale District filed the second motion for extension to file the QIIP requesting 62 additional days, stating that due to Covid, the comprehensive water audit was still pending. Again, on July 21, 2021, Farmdale District filed a motion for an additional extension of 70 days to file the QIIP. It was noted in the motion that Farmdale District has complied with all other ordering requirements. The Commission granted a 45 day extension for Farmdale to file the QIIP on November 7, 2022 .

On December 22, 2022, Farmdale District filed the most recent, and fourth, motion for extension of time in which to file the QIIP. Farmdale District stated the delay is the result of a complete turn-over of the Board of Commissioners in the last 18 months, and the repeatedly delayed KRWA comprehensive water audit report, which Farmdale District stated it needs for developing the QIIP.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Based on the record, the Commission finds that the Annual Progress Report filed on December 22, 2022, should be accepted as filed.

The Commission further finds that it is appropriate to grant an extension of the deadline for Farmdale District to file its QIIP until February 22, 2023. Furthermore, the Commission is not likely to approve any further extensions based on the delayed comprehensive water audit being performed by KRWA without documentation from

KRWA demonstrating the delay, its cause, and the expected completion date of the report.

Failure to comply with any Commission order may result in penalties in accordance with KRS 278.990.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Farmdale District is granted an extension to file a QIIP. The QIIP shall be filed on or before February 22, 2023.
2. The Annual Progress report filed by Farmdale District on December 22, 2022 is accepted as filed.

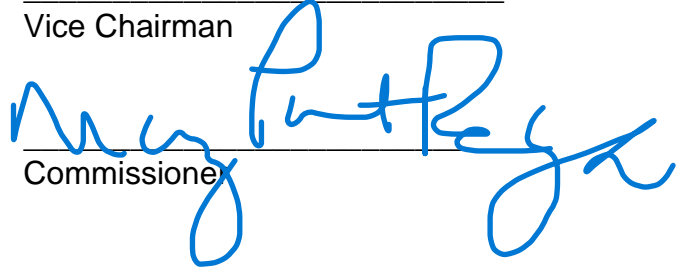
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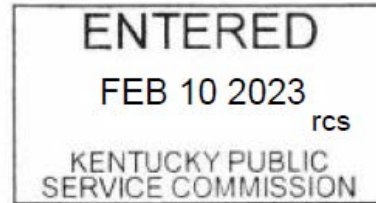


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