

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF	)	
SOUTHEAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER	)	CASE NO.
DISTRICT AND WEST DAVIESS COUNTY	)	2020-00287
WATER DISTRICT FOR AN ORDER APPROVING	)	
THEIR MERGER AGREEMENT	)	

ORDER

This matter arises from Southeast Daviess County Water District (Southeast District) and West Daviess County Water District (West District) (collectively, Joint Applicants) requesting approval of their merger agreement. The application was accepted for filing on September 4, 2020, and deemed to have been filed on September 4, 2020. Pursuant to KRS 278.020(6), the Commission is required to rule on an application for merger approval within 60 days of the date the application is filed, unless it is necessary for good cause to continue the proceeding for 60 additional days.

Here, the Commission takes administrative notice of the on-going proceedings in Case No. 2020-00195<sup>1</sup> and Case No. 2020-00196<sup>2</sup> in which each utility here has requested an increase in base rates based upon the alternative rate adjustment process. In the interest of administrative efficiency, the verified information submitted by the utilities and findings in the above-referenced cases will be useful to the Commission to determine

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00195, *Electronic Application of Southeast Daviess County Water District for an Alternate Rate Adjustment* (filed June 23, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2020-00196, *Electronic Application of West Daviess County Water District for an Alternate Rate Adjustment* (filed June 23, 2020).

the financial, technical, and managerial abilities to provide reasonable service in this matter. Additionally, the Joint Applicants have requested an expedited review of the merger agreement<sup>3</sup> and utilizing the materials of record will assist in that effort. The Commission commends the Joint Applicants on the effort to create efficiencies and share resources that will ultimately benefit its ratepayers. Thus, the Commission finds good cause to extend this matter for 60 additional days to review the necessary materials to determine the financial, technical, and managerial ability to provide reasonable service and continue its investigation and review of the application, understanding that the Joint Applicants request that no hearing be held on this matter and request a final order by December 15, 2020.<sup>4</sup> The Commission acknowledges the Joint Applicants' intent to further the public policy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, "to encourage regionalization, consolidation, and merger of water districts wherever feasible."<sup>5</sup> The Commission finds that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly and expedited review of the Joint Applicants' application. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The application review period is extended an additional 60 days, to December 31, 2020, to further investigate the application.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

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<sup>3</sup> Application at 15.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> Application at 10, citing KRS 224A.300(1) and KRS 74.361(1).

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

Case No. 2020-00287

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00287 DATED OCT 23 2020

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than.....10/30/2020

All requests for information to the Joint Applicants  
shall be filed no later than ..... 11/12/2020

The Joint Applicants shall file responses to requests  
for information no later than.....11/19/2020

All supplemental requests for information to the  
Joint Applicants shall be filed no later than .....11/30/2020

The Joint Applicants shall file responses to supplemental  
requests for information no later than ..... 12/04/2020

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