

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY-)	CASE NO.
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR AN)	2025-00122
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)	

ORDER

On May 16, 2025, Kentucky-America Water Company (Kentucky-American) filed its application for an adjustment of water rates based on a fully forecasted test year. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on June 15, 2025.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), changes to any rate by any utility is prohibited except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Therefore, since the application was accepted for filing as of May 16, 2025, the earliest date that Kentucky-American's proposed rates can be effective is June 15, 2025. Having reviewed Kentucky-American's application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates, and that an investigation cannot be completed by June 15, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for six months, up to and including December 16, 2025.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule is necessary to review the reasonableness of the proposed rates. Therefore, the Commission establishes the procedural schedule attached as an Appendix to this Order.

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that Kentucky-American should participate in an informal technical conference, to allow Kentucky-American to summarize the application and provide a technical presentation on the financial schedules included with the application. The presentation may also highlight and discuss the format of the application, including a walkthrough of the issues presented in this matter and the written testimony or documents in support thereof. The informal technical conference should be in person at 211 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky on June 12, 2025, at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. There will be a virtual option for intervening parties, and Staff will ensure all the participants will receive the link. Due to space limitations, persons not planning on actively participating in the discussions or presentations are encouraged to appear virtually however presenting participants are expected to appear in person.

Additionally, any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky-American's proposed rates are suspended for six months, up to and including December 16, 2025.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

3. The informal technical conference shall be held in person on June 12, 2025 at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

4. Kentucky-American shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

5. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission.

6. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

7. Any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

8. Kentucky-American shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, 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 listing on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Kentucky-American shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

9. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

10. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal

announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

11. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

12. Kentucky-American shall file a witness list at least fourteen days prior to the hearing date.

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

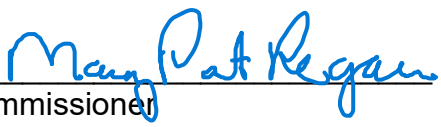
14. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

15. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director



Case No. 2025-00122

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00122 DATED MAY 27 2025

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted.....	06/06/2025
Informal Technical Conference at 211 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.....	06/12/2025
All initial requests for information to Kentucky-American shall be filed no later than	06/20/2025
Kentucky-American shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than.....	07/07/2025
All supplemental requests for information to Kentucky-American shall be filed no later than	07/21/2025
Kentucky-American shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	08/04/2025
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than	08/13/2025
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than	08/22/2025
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than.....	09/08/2025
Kentucky-American shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than	09/15/2025
Public Hearing to be held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Kentucky-American and Intervenors	To be scheduled
Post-Hearing Briefs, if any	To be scheduled

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