## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY	)
WATER DISTRICT FOR (A) AN ADJUSTMENT	)
OF RATES; (B) A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	) CASE NO.
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR	) 2007-00135
IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER FACILITIES; AND	)
(C) ISSUANCE OF BONDS	)

## COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD INFORMATION REQUEST TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY WATER DISTRICT

Northern Kentucky Water District ("Northern District") is requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, to file with the Commission no later than August 24, 2007, the original and 8 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. 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 person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Northern District shall make timely amendment to any prior responses if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though

correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any requests to which Northern District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Northern District shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should 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.

- 1. In its response to of Item 6(a) of Commission Staff's Second Information Request ("Staff's Second Request"), Northern District states that it, "[h]as not borrowed any funds from the Revolving Fund Loan, therefore there is no amortization Schedule at this point." Provide the documentation and calculations to support the State Revolving Loan Fund debt service shown in the Application, Exhibit N, Cost-of-Service Study, Schedule 3.
- 2. Refer to the schedule provided in Northern District's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 7. For each employee listed, state if they are included in the employee schedule provided in Northern District's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 9.
  - 3. Refer to Northern District's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 9(a).
- a. Provide an updated pro forma salary schedule reflecting Northern District's staff level as of August 1, 2007. Assume all full-time employees that have been hired in calendar year 2007 will work 2,080 regular hours.

- b. The schedule in 3(a) should include the current premiums for health insurance, life and disability insurance, and dental insurance for each employee. The insurance premiums should be net of any employee contribution.
- c. The schedule in 3(a) should include the 401- 457 Matching Deferred Compensation for each employee using the pro forma salary.
- d. Provide a copy of the pro forma salary information requested in Item 2(a) on a computer disk in Microsoft Excel 97-2003 format.
- e. Identify in a separate schedule the employees added to and eliminated from the schedule in 3(a).
- 4. Refer to Northern District's response to Commission Staff's First Information Request ("Staff's First Request"), Item 8(b) and Northern District's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 10. Reducing the "Total Test-Period Payroll Expensed and Capitalized" of \$7,778,729 by the amount capitalized of \$241,631<sup>1</sup> results in the "Test-Period Payroll Expensed" of \$7,537,098. Provide a reconciliation between the amount calculated as payroll expense from this schedule of \$7,537,097 with the reported "Salaries and Wages Employees Expense" of \$7,749,012.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. Refer to the employee health insurance premiums provided in Northern District's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 16. A comparison of the June 2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each rate listed in the "Percentage Capitalized" column was applied to each salary listed in the "Total Test-Period Payroll Expensed and Capitalized" column to arrive at the capitalized payroll of \$241,631.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Application, Exhibit C, Annual Report of Northern District to the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2006 at 28.

invoice to the December 2006 invoice shows that the premium increased by \$12,338<sup>3</sup> or 8.71 percent.<sup>4</sup> Explain why Northern District's proposed 12.4 percent increase in employee health insurance expense<sup>5</sup> is reasonable.

- 6. Refer to Northern District's response to Staff's First Request, Item 13.
- a. Northern District cites the Commission decision in Case No. 2006-00172<sup>6</sup> as the basis for its proposed 17 percent adjustment to test-period electricity expense. Explain how Northern District determined that the Commission authorized a 17 percent increase in electricity rates of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company d/b/a Duke Energy Kentucky.
- b. Northern District cites the Commission decision in Case No. 2006-00172 as the basis for its proposed 17 percent adjustment to test-period gas expense. Explain how the approved increase in Duke Kentucky's electricity rates impacts the cost of the gas purchased by Northern District.
- 7. Provide the number of hours per month each commissioner of Northern District spent during the test period performing district business. Include a description of the business that was being performed.

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  \$153,976 (June 2007 Premium) - \$141,638 (December 2006 Premium) = \$12,388.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> \$12,388 ÷ \$141,638 (December 2006 Premium) = 8.71%.

Northern District's Response to the Staff's Second Request, Item 1, Schedule 1.5, Health Care Pro forma.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Case No. 2006-00172, Application of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company d/b/a Duke Energy Kentucky for an Adjustment of Electric Rates (Ky. PSC December 21, 2006).

8. Refer to Northern District's response to Staff's First Request, Item 26.

a. For each expenditure listed in Schedule 1 of this Request identify if

the expenditure was expensed or capitalized. Provide the account number and the

account title in which it was recorded.

b. Several of the expenditures to Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC

are identified as general. Provide a partial list of the legal services that are identified as

general.

c. Several of the expenditures to Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC

are identified as litigation. Provide a description of the legal services identified in the

response as litigation.

9. Given the recent court decision<sup>7</sup> regarding the Commission's authority to

approve surcharges, if Northern District is required to cease collecting the Sub-District

Surcharges as of the date of the Order, calculate the impact this would have on

Northern District's base rates. Include copies of all workpapers, calculations, and

assumptions used in the determinations.

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Beth O'Donnell

**Executive Director** 

**Public Service Commission** 

P.O. Box 615

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Dated: August 10, 2007

cc: Parties of Record

<sup>7</sup> Commonwealth of Kentucky, ex rel. Gregory D. Stumbo, Attorney General v. Ky. Public Service Comm'n and Union Light Heat and Power Company, Franklin Circuit Court, Division I, Civil Action No. 06-CI-269 (Aug. 1, 2007).

## Northern District Case No. 2007-00135 Test-Period Expenditures

Schedule 1 Witness Responsible:

tion	\$ 38,480.00	405.00	2,220.00	3,014.85	2,009.25	nprovements 6,500.00		14,913.84	r Dec 2005 36,100.75	ing 2,527.10	se 7,543.03	26,846.25	2,200.00	4	540.00		3,000.00	866.25	18,894.00	18,894.00	7,412.00	ank & Painting 3,507.39	ntrol Project 5,750.00	6,120.00
Description	4 36" Butterfly Valves	Cincinnati Steel Treating	Engineering & Distribution	General	Litigation	Services - Ripple Creek Improvements	Services - Ida Spence & Carbon Silo	24 – 36" Megalugs	New Service Installation for Dec 2005	Legal Services – Engineering	Legal Services – Rate Case	Main Line Construction	22 Hours of Excavation	Install Heat Trace at TMTP Pump Station	Cincinnati Steel Treating	Engineering & Distribution	General	Litigation	3 – 36" Butterfly Valves	3 – 36" Butterfly Valves	2005 Rate Case Assistance	Services for 2005 Water Tank & Painting	Finalization of Internal Control Project	2005 Rate Case Assistance
Vendor	Vikina Supply, Inc.	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC.	Burgess & Niple	Ferguson Waterworks	Gemmer and Sons J	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Viox & Viox Inc.	Gemmer & Sons, Inc.	Gleason Electric Inc	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hughes Supply Inc	Hughes Supply Inc	Black and Veatch	Burgess & Niple	VonLehman & Company Inc.	Black and Veatch						
Check	43.366	43,432	43,432	43,432	43,432	43,452	43,548	43,557	43,560	43,566	43,566	43,603	43,628	43,630	43,637	43,637	43,637	43,637	43,722	43,722	43,887	43,890	43,945	13 062
Journal	155 956	156.334	156,334	156,334	156,334	156,354	156,685	156,694	156,697	156,703	156.703	156.740	157.044	157,046	157,053	157,053	157,053	157,053	157,403	157.403	158.174	158,177	158,232	150 151
Transaction	<u>Date</u> 01/09/06	01/14/06	01/14/06	01/14/06	01/14/06	01/14/06	01/23/06	01/23/06	01/23/06	01/23/06	01/23/06	01/23/06	01/30/06	01/30/06	01/30/06	01/30/06	01/30/06	01/30/06	05/06/06	02/06/06	02/20/08	02/20/06	02/20/06	30120100

Amount	36,655.00	6,070.76	38,428.00	00.066	3,000.00	1,081.50	10,968.60	26,784.40	25,076.58	11,956.80	13,447.67	23,575.00	1,970.85	10,146.00	6,745.00	5,955.50	2,634.03	258,264.84	371,199.66	34,481.00	111,600.00	9,339.33	2,600.00	2,792.35	3,000.00	925.00	16,496.57	43,631.00	2,234.80	5,579.60	4,210.90	695.92	1,196.25	3,000.00
Description	New Service Installation for Jan 2006	2005 Water Storage & Planning	New Service Installation for Feb 2006	Engineering & Distribution	General	Litigation	Rate Case	Trench Hydrants and Pressure Regulators	New Water Service Installations	General Utility Legai Matters	GIS Services Overhead	Ida Spence Tower Painting	Depreciation / Rate Case	18" Meter Crocks Lids	Engine for Truck #260	200 Valve Box Extensions	2005 Rate Case	Sedimentation Removal from Reservoir	Sedimentation Removal from Reservoir	Install Water Services	35,000 Pieces of Soft Copper Tubing	1000 8" Ductile Iron Pipe	Survey of the Kenton Lands Road Site	250 Golf Umbrellas	Engineering & Distribution	Depreciation Study	Service for TMTP Basin Evaluation	New Service Installation for June 2006	Legal Services – Engineering	Legal Services – Rate Case	2 Dudley Pumps Station Hydro Pumps	Final Payment for TMTP Evaluation	Engineering & Distribution	General
Vendor	Gemmer & Sons, Inc.	Burgess & Nipfe	Gemmer & Sons, Inc.	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Water Works Supplies Inc	Ranger Construction Services Inc.	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	No Ky Area Planning Commission	Utility Service Co., Inc.	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Bingham and Taylor Inc	Jasper Engine and Transmission	Prescott, Inc., Everett J.	Black and Veatch	Creative Waste Management	Creative Waste Management	Ranger Construction Services Inc.	SLC Meter Service Inc	Hayes Pipe Supply	Viox & Viox Inc.	Grimes Promotional Products	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Black and Veatch	Black and Veatch	Ranger Construction Services Inc.	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Delaney & Associates Inc	Black and Veatch	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC
Check	43.979	44,211	44,225	44,231	44,231	44,231	44,232	44,555	44,615	44,685	44,699	44,714	44,924	45,010	45,046	45,066	45,101	45,106	45,191	45,280	45,284	45,348	45,390	45,429	45,433	45,507	45,507	45,680	45,752	45,752	45,848	46,093	46,115	46,115
Journal	158.471	159,524	159,538	159,544	159,544	159,544	159,545	160,638	160,931	134,518	134,532	134,547	135,695	136,141	136,177	136,197	136,376	136,381	136,779	137,055	137,059	137,397	137,439	137,793	137,797	138,217	138,217	138,777	139,212	139,212	139,524	140,613	140,635	140,635
Transaction	02/27/06	03/20/06	03/20/06	03/20/06	03/20/06	03/20/06	03/20/06	04/10/06	04/17/06	04/24/06	04/24/06	04/24/06	05/15/06	05/22/06	05/22/06	05/22/06	05/26/06	05/26/06	06/05/06	06/12/06	06/12/06	06/19/06	06/19/06	06/26/06	06/26/06	07/03/06	02/03/06	07/17/06	07/24/06	07/24/06	07/31/06	08/21/06	08/21/06	08/21/06

Amount	495.00	~	ls 1,595.00	1,595.00	- TM Standpipe 795.00	353.35	06'323'.90	1,139.60	2,405.00		33,238.50		1,2875.75	3,000.00	- TM Standpipe 8,111.60	57.50	3,000.00	247.50	1,338.08	6,052.87	74.51	292.81	261.36	1,680.31	76.36			2,135.00			2,000.00	32,868.00	0011
Description	Litigation	Painting & Structural Repairs - TM Standpipe	Litigation – NKWD vs. Wessels	Litigation - NKWD vs. Wessels	Painting & Structural Repairs - TM Standpipe	Depreciation Rate Case	Cross Connection	Sub-district F	Depreciation Study	Litigation – NKWD vs. Wessels	New Service Installation for Sep 2006	Final Payment for Ida Spence Tank Painting	Engineering & Distribution	General	Painting & Structural Repairs - TM Standpipe	Engineering & Distribution	General	Litigation	MPTP	Sub-district F	Tariff Review	Popular Ridge	Training	Service Line Issues	Rate Case	Cross Connection	Engineering - Water Main Project Cost Updates	Depreciation Study	Engineering – Horsebranch Road 6" Main Ext.	Painting & Structural Repairs - TM Standpipe	Deposit for Company Picnic	New Services for Nov 2006	Engineering & Distribution
Vendor	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	GRW Engineers, Inc	Frost Brown Todd LLC	Frost Brown Todd LLC	GRW Engineers, Inc	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Frost Brown Todd LLC	Ranger Construction Services Inc.	Utility Service Co., Inc.	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	GRW Engineers, Inc	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hughes, PSC., John N.	Viox & Viox Inc.	Black and Veatch	Viox & Viox Inc.	GRW Engineers, Inc	Coney Island, Inc.	Ranger Construction Services Inc.								
Check	46,115	46,333	46,522	46,589	46,592	46,595	46,595	46,595	46,595	46,851	46,883	46,972	47,019	47,019	47,276	47,280	47,280	47,280	47,281	47,281	47,281	47,281	47,281	47,281	47,281	47,281	47,324	47,404	47,467	47,517	47,581	47,614	25377
Journal	140,635	141,603	142,473	142.607	142.476	142,479	142,479	142,479	142,479	143,786	143,818	144,076	144,519	144,519	145,635	145,639	145,639	145,639	145,640	145,640	145,640	145,640	145,640	145,640	145,640	145,640	145,683	146,158	146,221	146,610	146,844	146,877	446.040
Transaction Date	08/21/06	09/01/06	09/22/06	09/22/06	09/22/06	09/22/06	09/22/06	09/22/06	09/22/06	10/16/06	10/16/06	10/23/06	10/30/06	10/30/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	11/20/06	12/04/06	12/04/06	12/11/06	12/13/06	12/13/06	30/44/04

	Amount	709.50	1,272.34	1,864.80	46.25	138.75	
	<u>Description</u>	Litigation	Sub-District F	Depreciation Case	Conference Dates	Draft Exhibits for Dudley	
	Vendor	Hemmer Pangburn DeFrank PLLC	Hughes, PSC., John N.				
Check	Number	47,636	47,677	47,677	47,677	47,677	
Journal	Number	146,940	147,324	147,324	147,324	147,324	
Iransaction	Date	12/14/06	12/22/06	12/22/06	12/22/06	12/22/06	