

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF THE     ) CASE NO.  
SOUTH SHORE WATER WORKS CO.     ) 2007-00199

ORDER

South Shore Water Works Co. ("South Shore") has applied to the Commission for authority to adjust its proposed water service rates and charges effective June 18, 2007. In its filing, South Shore requested permission to deviate from certain filing requirements of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001.

Section 10(6)(k) requires the submission of the annual independent auditor's report. South Shore states that the annual independent auditor's report will be filed with the Commission as soon as it is received. South Shore anticipates that the report will be available within the next 30 days.

Additionally, South Shore requested permission to deviate from Section 10(6)(r) which requires the submission of monthly managerial reports and Section 10(7)(d) which requires the submission of the operating budget for each month of the period encompassing the pro forma adjustments.

In support of its request for permission to deviate from these requirements, South Shore states that, like other similarly situated water utilities, South Shore does not produce monthly reports on a routine basis and additional expense would be incurred to produce them at this time.

Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14, provides the Commission with the authority to permit deviations from its regulations for good cause shown. Having reviewed the filing and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the information contained in South Shore's application is sufficient for our review of the application and that requiring the submission of monthly reports in this instance would result in additional expense without any corresponding benefit to South Shore, its customers, the Commission, or the public.

Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(4)(f), requires that all utilities shall post a sample copy of their public notice at their place of business no later than the date on which the application is filed and shall remain posted until the Commission has determined the utility's rates. South Shore's public notice fails to contain this statement. Therefore, the Commission finds South Shore's application to be deficient until it has complied with this regulation.

South Shore's application contains a tariff with an effective date of June 18, 2007. However, the statutory time period in which the Commission must process this case will not commence until the above-mentioned information is filed with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. South Shore's request for permission to deviate from the filing requirements of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Sections 10(6)(k), 10(6)(r) and 10(7)(d), is granted.
2. Within 10 days of receipt, South Shore shall file with the Commission the independent auditor's report.

3. Within 15 days from the date of this Order, South Shore shall file proof of compliance with Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(4)(f).

4. The statutory time period in which the Commission must process South Shore's application will not commence until the information required by Ordering Paragraph 3 is filed with the Commission. When South Shore files such information, it may re-file its tariff with a new proposed effective date that is at least 30 days from the date that information is filed. 14th day of June, 2007.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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