## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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#### IN THE MATTER OF:

PETITION OF KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO DISCONNECT CUSTOMERS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FIRE SERVICE CHARGES

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) CASE NO. <u>2007 -00450</u>

#### PETITION OF KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Now comes Kentucky-American Water Company ("Kentucky American Water" or "the Company"), pursuant to KRS 278.280, and for its Petition seeking permission and authorization to disconnect customers for non-payment of services, states:

1. Kentucky American Water is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky with its principal office and place of business located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

2. Kentucky American Water is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Water Works Company, Inc. ("American Water") and is engaged in the distribution and sale of water in its Central Division, consisting of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Harrison, Jessamine, Scott and Woodford Counties and its Northern Division consisting of Gallatin, Owen and Grant Counties. The Company currently owns, operates and maintains potable water production, treatment, storage, transmission and distribution systems for the purpose of furnishing potable water for residential, commercial, industrial and governmental users in its service territory.

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3. Kentucky American Water also owns, operates and maintains collection, pumping and treatment systems for the purpose of furnishing wastewater service for residential, commercial, industrial and governmental users in its service territory.

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4. A certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Kentucky American Water, together with all amendments, are incorporated by reference as authorized by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8 (3), and were filed as Exhibit No. 4 in Case No. 95-554, *Notice of the Adjustment of the Rates of Kentucky-American Water Company effective on and after February 29, 1996.* 

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(f), Kentucky American Water may terminate service for nonpayment of utility charges upon appropriate notice. The customers listed in the attached Exhibit "A" have failed to pay their authorized fire service charges and have all been appropriately noticed in accordance with: 807 KAR 5:006, Sections 4(1), 13(5), and 14(f). In addition, Kentucky American Water has (a) given notice to the appropriate Fire Chief that the service will be disconnected, (b) given notice to the Insurance Service Office, a national organization that looks out for the interest of all member insurance companies and determines each community's Fire Insurance Rating, and (c) personally contacted and informed each listed fire service customer, either in person or by telephone, that disconnection, with the consequent deprivation of fire protection, is imminent.

6. The Commission's regulations authorize termination of utility service for non-payment, in part, because of the impact on other customers. To the extent customers do not pay, all other customers must cover the unpaid balance through an increased

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uncollectible charge. It is fundamentally unfair to those customers who faithfully pay their bills to have to also indirectly pay the bills of those who do not pay.

7. Kentucky American Water understands the significance of disconnecting fire service for customers. Absence of fire protection implicates insurance coverage, with its consequent effect on mortgages and other loan documents, and indeed the health and safety of the customers. Nevertheless, the delinquency period in all of these cases has run well beyond the minimum period for termination of service. To ensure that no one is surprised by ultimate disconnection, this Petition is being served on the Attorney General, as guardian of all retail customers, as well as each of the listed customers. Kentucky American Water requests that the Commission consider the lengths to which the Company gone to avoid this step but understand that a long and continuous period of non-payment is unfair to both the Company and its other customers.

WHEREFORE, Kentucky American Water requests that the Commission approve its petition for an Order authorizing disconnection of the fire service for those customers detailed in the attached Exhibit "A" for non-payment of services.

Respectfully submitted this the 16 day of October, 2007.

A. W. TURNER, JR., GENERAL COUNSEL KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY 2300 Richmond Road Lexington, Kentucky 40502

## **VERIFICATION**

1. Salar

Nick O. Rowe, after having been duly sworn, states that he is President of Kentucky-American Water Company, is authorized to make this verification on behalf of the company, that he has read the contents of the foregoing Petition and hereby verifies that the statements contained therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

NICK O. ROWE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15th day of Orther

2007.

NOTARY PUBLIC, Kentucky State at Large

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My Commission expires: August 16, 2008

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:**

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

- 1.) Waller Properties 1168 Tabor Lake Drive Lexington, Kentucky 40502-6593
- 2.) Jane Snyder 8385 Old Richmond Road Lexington, Kentucky 40515-9324
- Todds Landing Homeowners, Inc. 1621 Ashwood Drive Lexington, Kentucky 40502-1907
- 4.) Fortune Landing Homeowners Association P.O. Box 22285 Lexington, Kentucky 40522
- 5.) Schneider Designs, Inc.3151 Beaumont Center Circle Lexington, Kentucky 40513
- 6.) H H of Lexington
  c/o M. D. Enterprise, Inc.
  56 Jackson Street
  Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040
- 7.) David Edward Spenard
   Assistant Attorney General
   Office of the Attorney General Utility & Rate
   1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200
   Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-8204

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Lexington Delinquent Fire Hydrant/Service Accounts

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