COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF SOUTH SHORE WATER) WORKS COMPANY TO INCREASE CERTAIN) CASE NO. 2009-00475 NONRECURRING CHARGES)

<u>ORDER</u>

On December 4, 2009, South Shore Water Works Company ("South Shore") filed an application to increase and add certain nonrecurring charges. South Shore's filing was determined to be deficient; these deficiencies were cured with a filing on January 4, 2010. In the filing of January 4, 2010, South Shore also revised its requested proposed effective date to February 15, 2010. Having reviewed the filing, the Commission finds that it is appropriate to investigate this matter further pursuant to KRS 278.190.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. South Shore's proposed nonrecurring charges are suspended for five months from February 15, 2010 up to and including July 14, 2010.

2. South Shore shall, no later than February 1, 2010, file with the Commission the original and six copies of the information listed in the Appendix to this Order, with a copy to all parties of record.

a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. b. 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.

c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response 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.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

By the Commission

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00475 DATED JAN 1 4 2010

1. Refer to the cost justification sheets for meter connections provided in the application.

a. Explain in detail how the estimated hours were developed for sections D and E.

b. Explain in detail how the hourly rates were developed for sections D and E.

c. Provide in detail an explanation for the amount of \$10.50 in section H of the cost justification sheets for meter connections.

2. Explain the use of an 88-percent Operating Ratio as the overhead rate on all requested charges. Explain what the typical overhead costs for operation of this utility would be for other operations of the utility.

3. a. Explain the purpose of the Service Charge After Hours and the Reconnect Charge After Hours.

b. Explain why these charges are for calls from 4:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and why these charges are covering only 15 minutes of the day.

4. Explain the purpose of the Service Charge Call Out Emergency, the Reconnect Charge Call Out Emergency, and Meter Tampering Broken Yoke Valve Emergency Call Out.

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