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Application of Water Service Corporation)
of Kentucky for an Adjustment of Rates) Case No. 2010-00476

RESPONSE TO ORDER OF FEBRUARY 23, 2011 AND MOTION FOR DEVIATION

Water Service Corporation of Kentucky (WSCK), by counsel, submits the tariff sheets referenced in the order of February 23, 2010, which now conform to the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011.

WSCK further moves for a determination by the Commission that the tariffs as originally filed substantially comply with 807 KAR 5:001 and 807 KAR 5:011. The tariffs were submitted with the application for an adjustment of rates on January 24, 2011. On January 31, 2011, WSCK received a letter from the Commission determining that the application met the minimum filing requirements and was filed as of January 24th.

The order of February 23rd, contrary to the January 31st determination, states that the tariffs are not in compliance with the filing requirements for lack of an officer's signature and that the notice of the rate adjustment provided in the application was not acceptable. An additional 30 day notice of the effective date of the proposed rates is required of the February 23rd order.

In its application, WSCK requested a deviation from any filing requirement that might be considered in substantial compliance with the regulations or a deviation from such requirement.

Having previously found that the application meets the minimum filing requirements, such deviation should be presumed. However, even if such presumption is not recognized, deviations from this sort of minor defect have been routinely given. For example, in Case 2010-00116, Delta Natural Gas was granted a deviation from the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Order dated September 10, 2010. In Case 2004-00249, Application of East KY Power Cooperative, Inc., the Commission granted a deviation from the signature requirement of 807 KAR 5:063, Order dated November 29, 2004.

In Case No. 2010-00066, Application of Coolbrook Utilities LLC for Tariff Revisions, the application failed to have signatures or proper formatting on the proposed tariffs. The application was accepted as meeting the minimum filing requirements on February 18, 2010. On February 25, 2010 revised tariff sheets were filed, which also lacked signatures and were also not in the form or format required of 807 KAR 5:011. The application continued to be processed and on March 29, 2010 a data request to Coolbrook from the Commission requested:

6. Provide all tariff revisions proposed in the application in the proper format in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011, with the appropriate officer's signature on each sheet.

Not until June 24th did Coolbrook file the revised tariffs. The application was not delayed because of the lack of the officer's signature and no additional notice was required of the applicant.

In Case No. 2010-00300, Application of Martin County Water, the application included a proposed tariff with no signature. Copy attached. The application was deemed to meet the minimum filing requirements on September 13, 2010. Even more recently, in Case No. 2011-00048, Farmdale Utility's application was accepted without a signature on the proposed tariff. Copy attached.

WSCK believes that its application as accepted by the Commission's letter of January 31, 2011 meets the filing requirements. Because the tariffs are in substantial compliance and because WSCK sought a deviation from minor defects with the regulations, it moves for an order granting the deviation and determining that the application was filed as of January 24, 2011.

Given the Commission's allowance of similar tariffs to be filed, the requirement for WSCK to re-file its proposed tariffs with an additional 30 notice period is unreasonable, arbitrary and unlawful selective enforcement of the regulations. Had the alleged deficiency been timely discovered and notice given to WSCK on January 31, 2011, when the acceptance letter was issued, it could have avoided the delay of an additional 30 days for the processing of the application. Due to the delay in notifying the company of the deficiency, the case has been prolonged for at least an additional 30 days. Such delay in the final outcome of the case only further harms the financial condition of a small water utility.

WSCK should be able to rely on the rulings of the Commission as to the filing requirements. If after the application has been filed, deficiencies can be declared at any time during the application's review, there is no finality to the application and the case could be delayed indefinitely.

For these reasons, WSCK moves for an order determining that it substantially complied with 807 KAR 5:001 and 807 KAR 5:011 and that its application is accepted as filed on January 24, 2010.

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Certificate of Service:

A copy of this response was mailed to David Spenard of the Attorney General's Office, 1024 Capital Center Dr, Frankfort, KY 40601 the 24th day off February, 2011.

Middlesboro and Clinton and Adjacent Territory

Community, Town or City

P.S.C. KY. NO. 4

SHEET NO. 38

Water Service Corporation of Kentucky

CANCELLING P.S.C. KY. NO. 3 (in its entirety)

(Name of Utility)	
	CONTENTS
Next 9,000 gallons Next 15,000 gallons Next 25,000 gallons Next 50,000 gallons All Over 100,000 gallons	6.59 8.03 per 1,000 gallons 6.05 7.38 per 1,000 gallons 5.51 6.72 per 1,000 gallons -1.89 5.96 per 1,000 gallons -4.27 5.21 per 1,000 gallons
<u>1" Meter:</u>	
First 5,300 gallons	\$39,98,48.74 Minimum bill
Next 3,700 gallons	6.59 8.03 per 1,000 gallons
Next 15,000 gallons	— 6.05.7.38 per 1,000 gallons
Next 25,000 gallons	5.54 <u>6.72</u> per 1,000 gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	4-89 5.96 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 100,000 gallons	4.27.5.21 per 1,000 gallons
1 1/2" Meter:	000 00 07 07 17 1 1 1 1 1 1
First 11,200 gallons	\$78.23 95.36 Minimum bill
Next 13,800 gallons	6,05 <u>7.38</u> per 1,000 gallons 5,54 <u>6,72</u> per 1,000 gallons
Next 25,000 gallons	4.89-5.96per 1,000 gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	4.27 5.21 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 100,000 gallons	per 1,000 garrons
2" Meter:	\$4-4 6-95
First 17,600 gallons	6:05.7.38 per 1,000 gallons
Next 7,400 gallons Next 25,000 gallons	5.54 6.72 per 1,000 gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	4-89 5.96 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 100,000 gallons	1 000 11
6" Meter: First 250,500 gallons	\$4 ₇ 186.60 1,446.61 Minimum bill
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DATE OF ISSUE	Month / Date / Year February 24, 2011
DATE EFFECTIVE	Nevember 9, 2009 March 29, 2011
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ISSUED BY	John Hoy (Signature of Officer)
TITLE	Chief Regulatory—OfficerOperating

Officer

BY AUTHORITY OF ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

201008-00476563 IN CASE NO.

DATED Movember 9, 2009

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RATES

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Water Service Corporation of Kentucky. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Monthly Water Rates

Middlesboro

5/8" x	3/4"	Me	ter:

First 1,000 gallons	\$8.70- <u>10.61</u> Minimum bill
Next 9,000 gallons	3-50 <u>4.27</u> per 1,000 gallons
Next 15,000 gallons	3.49 <u>3.89</u> per1,000gallons
Next 25,000 gallons	-3-03 3.69 per 1,000 gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	2-71 3.30 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 100,000 gallons	-2.483.02 per 1,000 gallons

I" Meter:

First 6,000 gallons	\$26.48 <u>31.91</u> Minimum bill
Next 4,000 gallons	3.50 4.27 per 1,000 gallons
Next 15,000 gallons	3.49 3.89 per 1,000 gallons
Next 25,000 gallons	-3.03.3.69 per 1,000 gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	2.71-3.30 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 100,000 gallons	2.48 3.02 per 1,000 gallons

1 1/2" Meter:

First 13,000 gallons	\$ 49 <u>.72 60.61</u> Minimum bill
Next 12,000 gallons	3.49 <u>3.89</u> per1,000gallons

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	Next 25,000 gallons Next 50,000 gallons All Over 100,000 gallons	3.03 3.69 per 1,000 gallons 2.71 3.30 per 1,000 gallons 2.48 3.02 per 1,000 gallons
	2" Meter: First 21,400 gallons Next 3,600 gallons; Next 25,000 gallons Next 50,000 gallons All Over 100,000 gallons	\$76.49 93.24 Minimum bill 3.49 3.89 per 1,000 gallons 3.03 3.69 per 1,000 gallons -2.74 3.30 per 1,000 gallons 2.48 3.02 per 1,000 gallons
	3" Meter: First 68,400 gallons Next 31,600 gallons All Over 100,000 gallons	\$243.60 260.38 Minimum bill2.74 3.30 per 1,000 gallons 2.48 3.02 per 1,000 gallons
	4" Meter: <u>First</u> 127,500 gallons All Over 127,500 gallons	\$367.33 447.79 Minimum bill 2.48 3.02 per 1,000 gallons
	6" Meter: First 281,500 gallons All Over 281,500 gallons	\$748.79 912.80 Minimum bill 2.48 3.02 per 1,000 gallons
	CLINTON	
I	5/8" x 3/4" Meter: First 1,000 gallons	\$14-64 <u>14.19</u> Minimum bill
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All Over 250,500 gallons

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Monthly Fire Protection Charges

Private Hydrants or Sprinkler Systems

Clinton municipally owned hydrants

Middlesboro municipally owned hydrants

\$ 49.35 23.59 per hydrant or sprinkler

4.30 5.24 per hydrant

4.30 5.24 per hydrant

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Complaints may be made to the Area Manager whose decision may be appealed to the Water Service Corporation of Kentucky Regional Manager. Such appeal shall be in writing within ten (10) days of the date of the decision by the Manager stating the nature of the complaint and supporting evidence. These decisions may be brought before the Public Service Commission in accordance with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9.

WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

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DATED November 9, 2009

FOR <u>Martin County, Kentucky</u> Community, Town or City

					P.S.C. KY. NO.
					SHEET NO
Martin County Water District					CANCELLING P.S.C. KY. NO
(Name of Utility)					SHEET NO.
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5/8" x 3/4" Me	ter				
First	2,000	Gallons	\$	26.50	Minimum
Over	2,000	Gallons	\$	6.70	Per 1,000 Gal
1" Meter					
First	5,000	Gallons	\$	46.60	Min. Bill
Over	5,000	Gallons	\$	6.70	Per 1,000 Gal
1 1/2" Meter					
First	10,000		\$	80.10	Min. Bill
Over	10,000	Gallons	\$	6.70	Per 1,000 Gal
2" Meter					
First	20,000	Gallons	\$	147.10	Min. Bill
Over	20,000	Gallons	\$	6.70	Per 1,000 Gal
3" Meter					
First	30,000	Gallons	\$	214.10	Min. Bill
Over	30,000	Gallons	\$	6.70	Per 1,000 Gal
4" Meter					
First	50,000	Gallons	\$	348.10	Min. Bill
Over	50,000	Gallons	\$	6.70	Per 1,000 Gal

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	F	OR <u>Farmdale Subdivision & Vicinity, Franklin Co. KY</u> Community, Town or City
		P.S.C. KY. NO4
		Original SHEET NO
Farmdale Development Corporation	1	CANCELLING P.S.C. KY. NO. 3
(Name of Utility)		SHEET NO
	CONTENT	r'S
Schedule of Rates		
Residential Consumers:		
Monthly Charge	\$42.38	
Monthly Surcharge:		
\$9.92 per customer for a pe whichever comes first.	riod of five years from July	7 30, 2008, or collection of \$146,307,
DATE OF ISSUE February 11, 2011		
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TITLE President, Farmdale Develop	ment Corporation	and the state of t
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