

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG SANDY WATER DISTRICT)
FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN RATES PURSUANT TO) CASE NO. 2012-00152
THE ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING PROCEDURE)
FOR SMALL UTILITIES)

ORDER

Big Sandy Water District ("Big Sandy District") has applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Finding that further proceedings are necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Big Sandy District's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. This proceeding is established to review the reasonableness of Big Sandy District's proposed rates.¹
2. No later than July 16, 2012, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Big Sandy District's requested rate adjustment.
3. The parties shall file with the Commission their written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission Staff Report no later than July 30, 2012, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Big Sandy District's proposed rates for general water service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier. Any party may file with such submission any additional evidence for the Commission's consideration.

4. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff Report by July 30, 2012, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed as agreement with that finding or recommendation.

5. No later than July 30, 2012, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, each party shall notify the Commission in writing whether this matter may be submitted for decision based upon the existing record without hearing.

6. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, an informal conference shall be held in this matter on August 14, 2012 at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

7. Unless all parties request that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record, a formal hearing in this matter shall be held in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky at a date and time to be announced in a subsequent Order.

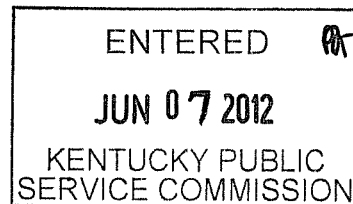
8. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than August 30, 2012, a list of the persons it intends to call as witnesses at the scheduled hearing and a summary of each witness's testimony.

9. Big Sandy District shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, no more than 21 days and no less than seven days before the day of the scheduled hearing.


10. Pursuant to KRS 278.360, the record on the formal hearing in this matter shall be by videotape.

11. Commission Staff shall make a written list of the exhibits introduced at the hearing and shall file this list with the Commission with the exhibits and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

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