

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING OF)	CASE NO.
WESTERN MASON COUNTY WATER)	2014-00421
DISTRICT)	

ORDER

On December 1, 2014, Western Mason County Water District (“Western Mason”) applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. After Western Mason corrected a deficiency, its application was accepted for filing on December 23, 2014. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Western Mason’s application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS¹ that:

1. No later than March 24, 2015, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Western Mason’s requested rate adjustment.

2. No later than April 7, 2015, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report, whichever occurs earlier, each party of record shall file with the Commission:

a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission Staff Report;

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Western Mason’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 for 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.

- b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider; and
- c. Written notice as to whether this matter may be submitted for

decision based upon the existing record without hearing.

3. If Commission Staff finds that Western Mason's financial condition supports a higher rate than Western Mason proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Western Mason's application, Western Mason in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should authorize the assessment of the higher rate or the recommended additional rate or charge.

4. If Commission Staff recommends changes in the manner in which Western Mason accounts for the depreciation of Western Mason's assets, Western Mason in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require Western Mason to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.

5. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff Report by April 7, 2015, 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.

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 April 14, 2015, at 2:00 p.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 subsequently scheduled.

8. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than April 21, 2015, a list of the persons it intends to call as witnesses at the scheduled hearing and a summary of each witness's expected testimony.

9. Western Mason shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 12, no more than 21 days and no less than seven days before the day of the scheduled hearing.

10. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9)(a), the record of the formal hearing in this matter shall be by digital video recording.

11. Commission Staff shall prepare a written list of all exhibits presented at the hearing and shall file this list, with all hearing exhibits, and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing with the Commission.

12. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than January 30, 2015.

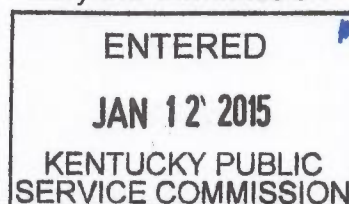
13. A person who submits a motion to intervene after January 30, 2015, and upon a showing of good cause is granted full intervention shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

ATTEST:



Executive Director

By the Commission



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