COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CAROLD CRAYCRAFT) COMPLAINANT) V.) BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT) DEFENDANT)

<u>ORDER</u>

On January 29, 2015, Carold Craycraft filed a Complaint against Black Mountain Utility District ("Black Mountain") requesting the extension of water service to his property at 499 Woodard Branch Road, Bledsoe, Harlan County, Kentucky. Mr. Craycraft stated in his Complaint that \$325,000 was available for an extension project. On February 6, 2015, Black Mountain was directed by Order to satisfy or answer the Complaint; additionally, Black Mountain was ordered to provide responses to requests for information contained in Appendix B to the Commission's February 6, 2015 Order.

On February 26, 2015, Black Mountain filed its Answer, responses to the Commission's Request for Information, and a Motion to Dismiss Mr. Craycraft's Complaint. Black Mountain stated that 499 Woodward Branch Road was a property within the scope of the Woodard Branch Waterline Extension project, identified in the Kentucky Water Resource Information System ("WRIS") as Project Number WX21095005, until October 24, 2014.¹ Black Mountain stated that the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority ("KIA") halted the processing of the grant for the project.² In support of this statement, Black Mountain provided a photocopy of an October 29, 2014 letter from KIA to Kentucky State Representative Rick G. Nelson which states that the KIA was halting the processing of the grant for WRIS Project Number WX21095005 until such time as a determination could be made regarding the legislative intent for the grant.³

Black Mountain requests that the Complaint be dismissed.⁴ Black Mountain states that: (1) Mr. Craycraft fails to state a cause of action against Black Mountain for which relief can be granted; (2) Mr. Craycraft fails to set forth a prima facie case that Black Mountain had violated any Kentucky statute or Commission regulation; and (3) that Black Mountain has at all relevant times acted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and Kentucky law.⁵ Furthermore, Black Mountain states that it cannot proceed with the project because the funding was halted.⁶

The Commission, having considered Black Mountain's Motion to Dismiss, finds that it should be denied because it appears that there are material issues of fact in dispute between the parties. The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.260, the Commission has original jurisdiction over complaints as to rates or service of any utility.

- ⁴ *Id.* at 3.
- ⁵ Id.
- ⁶ Id.

¹ Black Mountain Utility District's Answer to Complaint/Requests for Information and Motion to Dismiss, filed Feb. 26, 2015, at 2.

² Id.

³ *Id.* at Exhibit B.

KRS 278.260(1) states, in pertinent part, "the commission shall proceed, with or without notice, to make such investigation as it deems necessary or convenient." The Commission finds the record in this proceeding is not adequate; therefore, the Commission finds that a procedural schedule should be established in order for the Commission to investigate the Complaint's claims and to afford the parties the opportunity to conduct discovery. The Commission notes that the complainant bears the burden of proof in matters before an administrative agency.⁷

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Black Mountain's Motion to Dismiss is denied.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order shall be followed.

3. a. The information requested in Appendix B to this Order is due no later than 14 days from the date of this Order. 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, with copies to all parties of record and an original and seven copies to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or 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.

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⁷ Energy Regulatory Comm'n v. Kentucky Power Co., 605 S.W.2d 46, 50 (Ky. App. 1980).

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.

e. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

4. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Consequently, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00038 DATED MAR 2 7 2015

Requests for information to all parties shall be filed no later than	04/08/15
Responses to requests for information from all parties shall be filed no later than	04/22/15
An informal conference will be held at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of considering the possibility of settlement, the simplification of issues, and any other matters that may aid in the handling or disposition of this case	be scheduled

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APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00038 DATED MAR 2 7 2015

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT

1. Provide a copy of the application and all materials supplied by Black Mountain In support of the application to KIA for WRIS Project Number WX21095005.

2. Refer to Appendix C to this Order, the KIA Drinking Water Project Profile for WRIS Project Number WX21095005. Provide a detailed description of the system wide rehabilitation/leak detection and repair elements of the project. Include the direct and indirect costs for each element.

3. Refer to Appendix C to this Order, the KIA Drinking Water Project Profile for WRIS Project Number WX21095005. Provide a detailed description of any equipment purchases to be funded as part of the project. Include the cost for each purchase.

4. Refer to Appendix D to this Order, the KIA Kentucky WRIS Portal, Budget and Schedule for WRIS Project Number WX21095005. For the total project cost amount listed as \$325,000, identify the cost associated with extending water service. Provide an average cost per customer for the extension project.

5. Refer to the October 29, 2014 letter from Debby Milton, Financial Analyst with KIA, to State Representative Rick G. Nelson, attached as Exhibit B to Black Mountain's Answer to Complaint/Requests for Information and Motion to Dismiss.

a. Explain in detail any steps that Black Mountain has taken since October 29, 2014, to determine the legislative intent for WRIS Project Number WX21095005.

b. Explain in detail any steps that Black Mountain has taken since October 29, 2014, in furtherance of an agreement regarding a rehabilitation project as suggested by Ms. Milton in her letter.

APPENDIX C

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Project Title:	Woodard Br. Waterline Extension - Green Hills System Rehabilitat				
Project Number:	WX21095005	View Map	Submitted By:	CVADD	
Funding Status:	Not Funded		Primary County:	Harlan	
Project Status:	Approved		Planning Unit:	Harlan	
Project Schedule:	0-2 Years		Multi-County:	No	
E-Clearinghouse SAI:	KY201403280282 Water District (KRS 74)		SAI: KY201403280282 ECH Stat	ECH Status:	: Endorse With Condition
Applicant Entity Type:			ADD WMC Contact:	Adam Scott	
Date Approved (AWMPC):	03-25-2014				
				ion along Woodard Branch to se as to assist in equipment purchas	

Need for Project: Briefly describe how this project promotes public health or achieves and/or maintains compliance with the Clean Water Act or Safe Drinking Water Act: The project will provide potable water service to an unserved area and reduce water loss to areas already served.

Project Alternatives:				
Alternate A:				
Drill wells at every ho	usehold.			
Alternate B:				
install cistems for ha	uling water.			
_egal Applicant:				
Entity Type:	Water District (KRS 74)	PSC Group ID: 20000		
Entity Name:	Black Mountain Utility District			
Web URL:				
Office EMail:	blackmt@harlanonline.net			
Office Phone:	606-573-1277	Toll Free:	Fax: 60	6-573-1276
Mail Address Line 1:	609 Four Mile Rd		Phys Address Line 1:	
Mail Address Line 2:			Phys Address Line 2:	
Mail City, State Zip:	Baxter, KY 40806		Phys City, State Zip:	
Contact:	Ray Metcalfe	-	Auth Official:	Steve Sergent
Contact Title:	Administrator		Auth Official Title:	Chairman
Contact EMail:	blackmt@harlanonline.net		Auth Official EMail:	blackmt@harlanonline.net
Contact Phone:	606-573-1277		Auth Official Phone:	606-573-1277
Contact Cell:			Auth Official Cell:	
Data Source:	Kentucky Infrastructure Authori	ty		Date Last Modified: 06.03.2014

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APPENDIX D

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