

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALLEGED FAILURE OF CENTER RIDGE)	CASE NO.
WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 TO FILE REQUIRED)	2017-00030
REPORTS)	

ORDER

On February 7, 2017, the Commission ordered Center Ridge Water District No. 2 (Center Ridge) to show why it should not be penalized for failing to comply with KRS 278.140 and 278.230(3). The Commission Order also noted that it had initiated a similar action against Center Ridge in 2011 in which the Commission had suspended a \$2,500 fine contingent upon Center Ridge timely filing its 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 annual reports.¹ A hearing in this matter was held on March 28, 2017, at which no representative appeared on behalf of Center Ridge.

On May 4, 2017, the Commission issued an Order assessing a penalty of \$7,500 for violations of the Commission's Order in Case No. 2011-00337, KRS 278.140, and KRS 278.230(3). The May 4, 2017 Order directed Center Ridge to pay the assessed penalty and file all required annual and statistical supports. Center Ridge subsequently filed all required reports with the Commission.

In 2019, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (Bluegrass Water) filed an application with the Commission to acquire several utilities in Kentucky, including

¹ February 7, 2017 Order citing PSC Case No. 2011-00337, *Alleged Failure of Center Ridge Water District No. 2 to File Required Reports*, (Ky. PSC Oct. 11, 2011) at 2.

Center Ridge.² The Commission conditionally approved the acquisition on February 17, 2020, subject to Bluegrass Water meeting certain conditions.³ Bluegrass Water satisfied the conditions unique to the acquisition of Center Ridge on June 19, 2020, when Bluegrass Water paid certain outstanding fines of Center Ridge.⁴

Given that Center Ridge had filed its required reports and that Bluegrass Water is now responsible for the filing of future annual reports and gross income reports, the Commission finds that it is not in the public interest to maintain this proceeding and that it should be dismissed with prejudice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case is dismissed with prejudice and removed from the Commission's docket.

² Case No. 2019-00360, *Electronic Proposed Acquisition by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC and the Transfer of Ownership and Control of Assets by Center Ridge Water District, Inc.; Joann Estates Utilities, Inc.; and River Bluffs, Inc.* (filed Oct. 21, 2019).

³ Case No. 2019-00360, *Electronic Proposed Acquisition by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC and the Transfer of Ownership and Control of Assets by Center Ridge Water District, Inc.; Joann Estates Utilities, Inc.; and River Bluffs, Inc.* (filed Feb. 17, 2020) Order at 18–19.

⁴ See Notice of Proof of Payment by Center Ridge, filed on June 19, 2020, in Case No. 2019-00360.

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