

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PROPOSED ACQUISITION BY)	
BLUEGRASS WATER UTILITY OPERATING)	
COMPANY, LLC AND THE TRANSFER OF)	CASE NO.
OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF ASSETS BY)	2019-00360
CENTER RIDGE WATER DISTRICT, INC.; JOANN)	
ESTATES UTILITIES, INC.; AND RIVER BLUFFS,)	
INC.)	

ORDER

On October 21, 2019, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (Bluegrass Water), Center Ridge Water District, Inc. (Center Ridge Water), Joann Estates Utilities, Inc. (Joann Estates), and River Bluffs, Inc. (River Bluffs), (collectively, Joint Applicants), filed a joint application for approval of the transfer of the assets used in providing wastewater or water services of Center Ridge Water, Joann Estates, and River Bluffs to Bluegrass Water.

On September 21, 2019, Bluegrass Water filed a Notice of Election of Use of Electronic Filing Procedures (Notice) in this proceeding. Bluegrass Water indicated in the Notice that Delaplain Disposal Company (Delaplain Disposal) was among the transferring utilities and that the application would include a request for all necessary approvals for acquisition/transfer of Delaplain Disposal's assets. On October 21, 2019, Joint Applicants filed a motion to amend the case style to reflect that Delaplain Disposal is not an applicant in this case. Joint Applicants assert that, since the filing of the Notice, the relevant parties have decided not to acquire/transfer assets of Delaplain Disposal.

Having reviewed the joint application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that KRS 278.020(7) requires the Commission to render a decision on the proposed transfers within 60 days of filing unless good cause exists to continue the application for an additional 60 days. Here, we find that an investigation of the proposed acquisition is necessary to determine its reasonableness and that such investigation cannot be completed by December 20, 2019. Therefore, good cause exists to extend the 60-day period for a decision set forth in KRS 278.020(7) for an additional 60 days. In addition, we find that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure an orderly review of Joint Applicants' application.

Further, having reviewed the Joint Applicants' motion to amend the style of the case, the Commission finds that the Joint Applicants have established good cause and that their motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The time in which the Commission shall render its decision on the Joint Applicants' application is extended an additional 60 days from December 20, 2019, to February 18, 2020, pursuant to KRS 278.020(6).
2. Any motion to intervene shall be filed by November 20, 2019.
3. Any motion to intervene filed after November 20, 2019, shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.
4. Requests for information to Joint Applicants shall be filed no later than November 22, 2019.

5. Joint Applicants' responses to requests for information shall be filed no later than December 6, 2019.

6. Supplemental requests for information to Joint Applicants shall be filed no later than December 13, 2019.

7. Joint Applicants' responses to supplemental requests for information shall be filed no later than December 20, 2019.

8. A formal evidentiary hearing shall be scheduled at a later date.

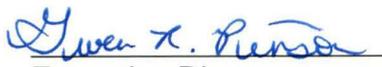
9. Joint Applicants' Motion to Amend Style of Case is granted.

10. The case style for this proceeding is amended by deleting the name of Delaplain Disposal, and all documents filed in the future shall contain the amended case style.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:


Executive Director

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