

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER	)	CASE NO.
DISTRICT METER REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE	)	2020-00121
MONITORING	)	

ORDER

On June 12, 2023, Southern Water and Sewer District (Southern District) filed a motion to clarify the Commission’s March 17, 2021 Order. Southern District requested clarification regarding the appropriate funding source to be used to purchase and install the 10 master meters authorized in the March 17, 2021 Order. In its motion Southern District stated that ordering paragraph three of the March 17, 2021 Order indicated that the cost of the master meters was to be funded from proceeds remaining from a Co-Bank loan approved in Case No. 2020-00114.<sup>1</sup> In its motion Southern District states that all proceeds from the Co-Bank loan had been spent prior to the date of the Commission’s Order. Southern District stated that it is “under the impression that the funds to be used to purchase and install the 10 master meters will come from the proceeds of the Meter Surcharge.”<sup>2</sup>

The Commission’s March 17, 2021 Order included the finding that “the purpose of the meter replacement surcharge should be amended to include funding to replace AMR

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00114, *Electronic Application of Southern Water and Sewer District for Approval of Co-Bank Loan for the Purpose of Financing the Purchase and Installation of New Water Meters* (Ky. PSC Apr. 15, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> Southern District’s Motion for Clarification (filed June 12, 2023) at unnumbered page 2.

meters and the master meters.”<sup>3</sup> Ordering paragraph one of the Order also stated that “Southern District’s motion and amended motion to use meter replacement surcharge funds to purchase and replace AMR meters and master meters is granted.”<sup>4</sup> The same order also authorized Southern District to use up to \$250,000 of any remaining proceeds from the loan approved in Case No. 2020-00114 to purchase and install the master meters.<sup>5</sup>

The Commission finds it is appropriate to grant the motion to clarify and further finds that as outlined in the March 17, 2021, Order Southern District was authorized to use water meter surcharge funds for the purchase and installation of the 10 master meters, and that if there were any remaining funds from the loan authorized in Case No. 2020-00114 those funds could also have been used for the purchase and installation of the 10 master meters. The Commission notes that Southern District has used meter replacement surcharge funds to purchase and install the 10 master meters.<sup>6</sup> In its response to Staff’s Twelfth Request for Information, Southern District indicated that all costs to purchase and install the master meters have now been paid.<sup>7</sup>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

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<sup>3</sup> Order (Ky. PSC March 17, 2021) at 6.

<sup>4</sup> March 17, 2021 Order, ordering paragraph 1.

<sup>5</sup> March 17, 2021 Order, ordering paragraph 3.

<sup>6</sup> See May 2023 Surcharge Report (filed June 14, 2023), which included invoices from Albon Meade & Sons Contracting and Wascon Inc., along with a bank statement indicating these invoices were paid using meter replacement surcharge proceeds.

<sup>7</sup> Southern District’s Response to Commission Staff’s Twelfth Request for Information (filed Oct. 20, 2023) Item 1a.

1. Southern District's June 12, 2023, motion to clarify the funding source for 10 master meters is granted.

2. Southern District is authorized to use water meter replacement surcharge funds to purchase and install the 10 master meters. If any funds remain from the loan authorized in Case No. 2020-00114, Southern District is authorized to use up to \$250,000 of those funds to purchase and install the master meters as well.

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