

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF HYDEN-LESLIE )	CASE NO.
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR AN )	2020-00141
ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT )	

ORDER

On October 27, 2023, Hyden-Leslie County Water District (Hyden-Leslie District) filed a motion for an extension of 91 days in which to file an application for a rate adjustment. In its November 6, 2020 Order in this proceeding, the Commission ordered Hyden-Leslie District to file an application for a rate adjustment within three years of November 6, 2020.

In support of its motion, Hyden-Leslie District stated that it contacted Kentucky Rural Water Association (Kentucky Rural Water) on January 5, 2023, and requested assistance preparing its application for a rate adjustment.<sup>1</sup> Hyden-Leslie District stated that it was informed by Kentucky Rural Water personnel that there were a number of requests for assistance in preparing rate adjustment applications, and any assistance that Kentucky Rural Water could offer to Hyden-Leslie District would need to wait until those applications were prepared. In its motion, Hyden-Leslie District explained that it interpreted Kentucky Rural Water's response to mean that Kentucky Rural Water had committed to prepare the application.<sup>2</sup> However, when Hyden-Leslie District contacted

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<sup>1</sup> Motion paragraph 2.

<sup>2</sup> Motion paragraph 4.

Kentucky Rural Water on September 11, 2023, to check on the progress of the application, it learned that no work had been done on its application.<sup>3</sup> Further, Hyden-Leslie District stated that Kentucky Rural Water has now assigned a consultant to assist with the application.

Hyden-Leslie District requested an extension until February 5, 2024, to file its application for a rate adjustment.<sup>4</sup> Hyden-Leslie District stated that although the consultant anticipates it is possible the application can be prepared by the end of the 2023 calendar year, it is requesting an extension until February 5, 2024, to eliminate the need for an additional extension should the application preparations prove to be more difficult than currently anticipated.<sup>5</sup> Finally, Hyden-Leslie District stated that it will file the application as soon as the application is completed and reviewed by its manager and board of commissioners.

The Commission finds that Hyden-Leslie District has shown good cause to permit an extension of time to file its application for an adjustment in rates and that its motion should be granted. Hyden-Leslie District appears to have taken steps to timely file its application, and while it could have followed up with Kentucky Rural Water sooner and discovered the miscommunication that led to the delay, it acted appropriately once the miscommunication was discovered.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDRED that:

1. Hyden-Leslie District's motion is granted.

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<sup>3</sup> Motion paragraph 4.

<sup>4</sup> Motion paragraph 7.

<sup>5</sup> Motion paragraph 7.

2. Hyden-Leslie District shall file its application for an adjustment of its rates on or before February 5, 2024.

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