

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF THE)	
CUMBERLAND COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO)	
ISSUE SECURITIES IN THE APPROXIMATE)	
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,570,000 FOR THE)	CASE NO.
PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN)	2020-00188
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE)	
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF)	
KRS 278.300 AND 807 KAR 5:001)	

ORDER

In its July 28, 2020 final Order, the Commission ordered Cumberland County Water District (Cumberland District) to file an application for a traditional adjustment in rates or an alternative rate adjustment (ARF) within one year of the date of the Order to ensure its financial situation is sufficient.¹ On June 28, 2021, Cumberland District filed a motion for an extension of time in which to file for an adjustment in its base rates or an ARF.² Cumberland District requested an extension of six months from June 28, 2021. In support of its motion, Cumberland District stated that it contacted Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) for help filing its application, and KRWA estimated it would need the additional six months.

The Commission issued an Order on July 15, 2021, noting that Cumberland District waited until one month before the Commission's filing deadline to file for an extension,

¹ Order (Ky. PSC July 28, 2020) at 7, ordering paragraph 5.

² Motion for an Extension (filed June 28, 2021).

deferring the decision in order to receive responses to a data request.³ Cumberland District filed responses to the data request on August 4, 2021.⁴ In the response, Cumberland District admitted to overlooking the requirement to file for a general or ARF.⁵ Cumberland District also admitted to not contacting KRWA until June 28, 2021.⁶

The Commission finds that the motion for extension of time is denied. Cumberland District admitted to failing to follow the final Order directive requiring a general or alternative rate case filing within one year. Cumberland District did not attempt to obtain help from KRWA until one month before the filing deadline. Neither of these facts constitute good cause as a basis for an extension. The Commission further finds that Cumberland District shall file an application for a traditional adjustment in rates or an ARF as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in additional Commission action.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Cumberland District is denied an extension of time to submit an application for a traditional adjustment in rates or an ARF.
2. Cumberland District shall file an application for a traditional adjustment in rates or an ARF as soon as possible.

³ Order (Ky. PSC July 15, 2021) at 2.

⁴ Cumberland District's Response to Request for Additional Information (filed on Aug. 4, 2021).

⁵ Cumberland District's Response at 1.

⁶ Cumberland District's Response at 3.

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