COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED WATER) CASE NO ADJUSTMENT FILING OF HENDERSON COUNTY) 2022-00034 WATER DISTRICT

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter arises on Henderson County Water District's (Henderson District) motion to extend the time to file a rate adjustment application. In the March 16, 2022 Order in this proceeding, the Commission ordered Henderson District to file by February 10, 2023, a general rate adjustment application, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16; an alternative rate adjustment (ARF) application, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076; or a formal motion with a detailed analysis of its rates and revenues and a statement explaining the reasons why no modifications are necessary.

On February 10, 2023, Henderson District moved for a 60-day extension to file an ARF application. Henderson District explained Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) was in the process of completing a rate study to support an ARF application, which would be filed on or before April 11, 2023. Henderson District also explained that three employees had left the utility and that these positions had not yet been filled. Henderson District further explained that its remaining staff were focused on continuing day-to-day operations instead of working on the ARF application, but that, with KRWA's assistance, the application would be filed by April 11, 2023.

In response to Commission Staff's post-case request for additional information to support the motion, Henderson District provided additional information regarding when KRWA was engaged, the circumstances that lead to the three open positions, and steps Henderson District took to support its assertion that it would file the ARF application by April 11, 2023.

The Commission notes that Henderson District filed its ARF application on April 5, 2023. Had Henderson District not filed its ARF application, the Commission would have granted the motion for an extension of time because Henderson District timely engaged KRWA to assist in preparing the ARF application, was forthcoming with information regarding employee vacancies and the impact on operations, was taking affirmative steps to file the ARF within the time requested in the motion, and requested a brief extension of time. However, because Henderson District filed its ARF, the Commission finds that the motion should be denied as moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Henderson District's motion for an extension of time to file an ARF application is denied as moot.

¹ Case No. 2023-00101, Electronic Application of Henderson County Water District for a Rate Adjustment Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076 (filed Apr. 5, 2023).

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