## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTH        | )          |
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| MANCHESTER WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR | CASE NO.   |
| AN ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT         | 2023-00183 |

## ORDER

On July 6, 2023, North Manchester Water Association, Inc. (North Manchester Water), filed<sup>1</sup> an application with the Commission, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, requesting an adjustment to its water rates.<sup>2</sup> The Commission established an initial procedural schedule that was subsequently amended after North Manchester Water requested an extension of time to respond to Commission Staff's First Request for Information.<sup>3</sup> The procedural schedule was amended a second time to allow Commission Staff to conduct a Field Review.<sup>4</sup> The procedural schedule, as amended, required Commission Staff's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> North Manchester Water tendered its application on June 1, 2023. By letter dated June 12, 2023, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies. North Manchester Water tendered its application a second time on June 22, 2023. By letter dated June 26, 2023, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies a second time. The deficiencies were subsequently cured, and the application is deemed filed on July 6, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(2), if the Commission has not issued an order after six months from the date an alternative rate filing application is deemed filed, the utility may place the proposed rates into effect, subject to refund, pending the Commission's order upon filing written notice with the Commission of its intent to do so. Otherwise, an applicant using the alternative rate filing procedure may not place the proposed rates into effect until the Commission has issued an order approving the rates. 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Order (Ky. PSC July 31, 2023) (establishing the procedural schedule in this matter); Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 12, 2023) (amending the procedural schedule pursuant to North Manchester Water's Request for Extension).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Order (Ky. PSC Oct. 6, 2023).

Report, prepared pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, to be filed on or before December 14, 2023, and required any written comments or objections to Commission Staff's Report to be filed within 14 days of its service.<sup>5</sup>

Due to numerous Commission Staff scheduling conflicts, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule established on July 31, 2023, and amended on September 12, 2023, and October 6, 2023, should be amended to afford Commission Staff additional time to prepare and file Commission Staff's Report. Specifically, the Commission finds that the date for filing Commission Staff's Report should be extended to January 5, 2024.

Consistent with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(a), and the previous Orders in this case, North Manchester Water will have 14 days from the date of service of Commission Staff's Report to file a written response or objections to the report. If North Manchester Water does not file written objections to a finding contained in Commission Staff's Report within 14 days, it will be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding.<sup>6</sup>

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule established on July 31, 2023, and amended on September 12, 2023, and October 6, 2023, is amended.
  - 2. Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than January 5, 2024.
- 3. North Manchester Water shall file its written response and objections, if any, to the findings contained in Commission Staff's Report within 14 days of service of Commission Staff's Report.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Order (Ky. PSC July 31, 2023); Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 12, 2023); Order (Ky. PSC Oct. 6, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(c).

| 4.           | All provisions of the Commission's July 31, 2023, September 12, 2023, and    |
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| October 6, 2 | 2023 Orders that are not in conflict with this Order shall remain in effect. |
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