

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DEXTER-ALMO	)	CASE NO.
HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE	)	2024-00273
ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076	)	

ORDER

On November 11, 2024, Dexter-Almo Heights Water District (Dexter-Almo Heights District) filed an application with the Commission, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, requesting an adjustment to its water rates.<sup>1</sup> The Commission established a procedural schedule by Order dated January 16, 2025, that, among other things, requires Commission Staff to file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report (Commission's Staff Report) containing its findings and recommendations regarding Dexter-Almo Heights District's requested water rate adjustment, no later than April 16, 2025.

To gather the necessary information to prepare the Commission Staff's Report and prepare the record for consideration by the Commission, Commission Staff propounded two sets of data requests to Dexter-Almo Heights District. In its response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information filed March 21, 2025, Dexter-Almo Heights District provided several responses but was unable to respond in full, stating the additional,

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<sup>1</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, the application is deemed filed and 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).

missing information would be filed March 28, 2025.<sup>2</sup> However, Dexter-Almo Heights District filed partial responses March 26, 2025<sup>3</sup> but did not file anything on March 28, 2025. Upon review of the information requests and responses, there is still information requested that has yet to be filed by Dexter-Almo Heights District.

Due to delays Dexter-Almo Heights District's responses as well as the need for a subsequent request for information, attached as an Appendix to this Order, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule established on January 16, 2025, should be amended to afford Dexter-Almo Heights District opportunity to fulfill its obligation to fully respond to Commission Staff's information requests and Commission Staff additional time to prepare and file the Commission Staff's Report. Specifically, the Commission finds that the date for filing the Commission Staff's Report should be extended to May 14, 2025. The Commission also finds that it should remind Dexter-Almo Heights District of its obligation to respond completely and timely to all requests for information in order for timely and thorough processing of the case.

After Commission Staff's Report is filed, on or before the amended deadline of May 22, 2025, Dexter-Almo Heights District will have 14 days to file a written response to Commission Staff's Report.<sup>4</sup> If Dexter-Almo Heights District does not file written objections to a finding contained in Commission Staff's Report within 14 days after the

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<sup>2</sup> Dexter-Almo Heights District's Response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information, Items 6 and 7.

<sup>3</sup> Dexter-Almo Heights District's March 26, 2025 filing.

<sup>4</sup> 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(a).

date of the filing of Commission Staff's Report, it shall be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding.<sup>5</sup>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule established on January 16, 2025, is amended.
2. Dexter-Almo Heights Districts shall file written responses to Commission Staff's Third Request for Information set forth in the Appendix to this Order by April 30, 2025.
3. Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than May 22, 2025.
4. Dexter-Almo Heights District shall file its written response, if any, to Commission Staff's Report within 14 days of the filing of the Commission Staff's Report.
5. All provisions of the Commission's January 16, 2025 Order that are in conflict with the provisions of this Order are vacated, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this Order shall remain in effect.

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

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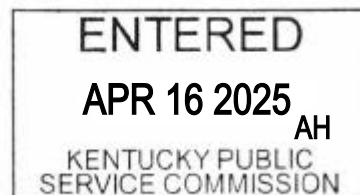
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Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

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## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00273 DATED APR 16 2025

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO DEXTER-ALMO HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT

Dexter-Almo Heights Water District (Dexter-Almo Heights District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on April 30, 2025. The Commission directs Dexter-Almo Heights District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>6</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Dexter-Almo Heights District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Dexter-Almo Heights District obtains information that indicates the response was

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<sup>6</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Dexter-Almo Heights District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Dexter-Almo Heights District shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Dexter-Almo Heights District shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Dexter-Almo Heights District's response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information (Staff's Second Request), Item 6. Dexter-Almo Heights District did not provide a proper updated cost-justification sheet for the Returned Check Charge as listed in its tariff. Provide an updated cost-justification sheet for the Returned Check Charge.

2. Refer to Dexter-Almo Heights District's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 7. Dexter-Almo Heights District stated that it would submit the requested files on or before March 28, 2025. Dexter-Almo Heights District did not file the requested information on the stated date. Provide the requested information.

3. Refer to Dexter-Almo Heights District's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 9. In the revised Billing Analysis, Dexter-Almo Heights District's difference between the Current Billing Analysis Water Revenues and the Pro Forma Metered Retail Sales decreased from \$19,615.37 to \$13,396.03. However, the variance still appears too great to be accounted for by rounding. Provide a detailed explanation of why the Pro Forma Total Sales of Water does not match the Total Annual Water Sales provided in the latest Billing Analysis.

4. Refer to 2023 general ledger account 426, Misc. Non-Utility Expenses. Specifically, the September 7, 2023 and October 31, 2023 journal entries payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. Provide an explanation for each of the Division of Water (DOW) penalties and fees listed and state whether each is a recurring expense.

5. Refer to Dexter-Almo Heights District's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, 2023 general ledger, Account 675.6, Advertising. Describe the purpose of each payment (i.e., bid advertisement, employment advertisements, etc.).

6. Confirm whether Dexter-Almo Heights District is being charged any rate case expense for services performed in this ARF Case. If confirmed, state the amount Dexter-Almo Heights District is being charged and state whether that amount is being paid through its own funds or through grant funding, and from whom.

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