COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF GRAVES)CASE NO.COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE)2025-00060ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)

<u>ORDER</u>

On March 21, 2025, Graves County Water District (Graves District) filed a request for deviation from the notice requirements outlined in 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(4), regarding the publication of its customer notice in the Mayfield Messenger.¹ Graves District originally published the customer notice on March 1, 2025.² Following a deficiency letter by the Commission dated March 11, 2025, Graves District published a corrected notice on March 19, 2025.³ A subsequent deficiency Order was issued on March 19, 2025,⁴ and Graves District further corrected the notice in its March 21, 2025 filing.⁵ The latest corrected notice was published on March 26, 2025.⁶ Graves District now seeks a deviation from any requirement to publish the corrected notice a fourth time.

³ Correct Advertisement of Customer Notice 03-19-25 (filed Mar. 31, 2025).

¹ Request was made in the Read First letter filed on March 21, 2025, and again in the subsequent Read First letter filed on March 31, 2025.

² Application (filed Mar. 10, 2025), pg. 14 of 228.

⁴ Order (Ky. PSC, Mar. 19, 2025).

⁵ EKPC Corrected Customer Notice (filed Mar. 21, 2025).

⁶ Correct Advertisement of Customer Notice 03-26-25 (filed Mar. 31, 2025).

LEGAL STANDARD

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:076 Section 5(4) outlines the requirements pertaining to notice content and specifically Section 5(4)(a) "the date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the commission[.]"

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:076 Section 17 states that, for good cause shown, the commission may permit deviation from these rules.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Graves District has demonstrated a good faith effort in providing adequate notice to its customers by publishing the corrected notice in accordance with Commission guidance and scheduling a third publication. The Commission finds that an additional publication would impose unnecessary expense and administrative burden on Graves District while providing little to no additional benefit to customers. Given that the corrected notice is already complex due to the inclusion of a proposed five-year phase-in of rates, the Commission finds that a fourth publication is not necessary.

Accordingly, the Commission finds that Graves District's request for a deviation from the additional publication requirement should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Graves District's request for a deviation from the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(4), is granted.

Graves District's application is accepted and deemed filed as of March 19,
2025, the date on which the first corrected notice was published.

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3. This Order shall not be construed as an approval or ruling on the merits of Graves District's proposed five-year phase-in of rates, which shall be addressed during the processing of this case.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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