

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF GREEN)	
RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND)	
EDMONSON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR)	
AN ORDER APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF)	
OWNERSHIP OF EDMONSON COUNTY WATER)	
DISTRICT'S HART COUNTY SYSTEM AND THE)	CASE NO.
WAX WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND)	2025-00329
APPROVING GREEN RIVER VALLEY WATER)	
DISTRICT'S ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN DEBT)	
OBLIGATIONS OF EDMONSON COUNTY WATER)	
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF)	
KRS 278.020, KRS 278.300, AND 807 KAR 5:001)	

ORDER

On November 3, 2025, Green River Valley Water District (Green River Valley District) and Edmonson County Water District (Edmonson District) (collectively, Joint Applicants) filed a joint application requesting Commission approval of the transfer of Edmonson District's Hart County System and the Wax Water Treatment Plant to Green River Valley District pursuant to KRS 278.020(6), as well as approval for Green River Valley District to assume certain Rural Development (RD) debt obligations pursuant to KRS 278.300.¹ This matter is directly tied to an application filed in Case No. 2025-00330 involving Edmonson District and Grayson County Water District.² For the purposes of

¹ Application (filed Nov. 3, 2025).

² Case No. 2025-00300, *Electronic Joint Application of Grayson County Water District and Edmonson County Water District for an Order Approving the Transfer of Ownership of Edmonson County Water District's Grayson County Distribution System and an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Securities By Grayson County Water District Pursuant to the Provisions of KRS 278.020, KRS 278.300, and 807 KAR 5:001* (filed Nov. 3, 2025).

administrative efficiency, the Commission finds that the record of Case No. 2025-00330 should be incorporated by reference into this proceeding. The matter now stands submitted for a decision.

Having considered the evidence of record, the Commission finds that there is insufficient evidence to support approval of the proposed transaction. The proposed transaction involves the division and assumption of Rural Development (RD) indebtedness, under which Green River Valley District would assume 52 percent of Edmonson District's outstanding RD water debt while Edmonson District would retain the remaining RD obligations.³ As such, the proposed financing structure directly affects both this proceeding and Case No. 2025-00330.⁴ As recognized in the Asset Purchase Agreement, Green River Valley Water District is required to obtain approval from RD for the proposed assumption of the RD debt obligations.⁵ Without evidence of the required RD approvals, the Commission is unable to evaluate whether the statutory requirements of KRS 278.300 have been satisfied.

Accordingly, the Commission finds that additional evidence regarding the proposed assumption of indebtedness is necessary before the transaction may be approved. The Commission is unable to reach a decision based on the merits of KRS 278.020 or the accompanying agreement, as requested in the application, based on

³ Application at 8.

⁴ Case No. 2025-00300, *Electronic Joint Application of Grayson County Water District and Edmonson County Water District for an Order Approving the Transfer of Ownership of Edmonson County Water District's Grayson County Distribution System and an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Securities By Grayson County Water District Pursuant to the Provisions of KRS 278.020, KRS 278.300, and 807 KAR 5:001.*

⁵ Application, Exhibit 6 at 13.

the lack of information related to financing. The Commission encourages the Joint Applicants to further evaluate the financing associated with the proposed transaction, obtain the necessary RD approvals, and re-file their applications with the appropriate information for the Commission to fully evaluate the proposal.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Joint Applicants' application is denied without prejudice.
2. The records in Case No. 2025-00330 are incorporated by reference into this matter.
3. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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Entered on this 2nd day of July, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION




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