

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION TO ADD ADDITIONAL RULES)
AND REGULATIONS OF AUXIER WATER) CASE NO. 10118
COMPANY, INC.)

O R D E R

On December 29, 1987, Auxier Water Company, Inc., ("Auxier") filed a motion with the Commission to add additional language to its tariff.

Auxier's proposed addition states that it shall not be liable to any person for the failure of fire hydrants, or the inadequacy of water volume or pressure, in the event such failure or inadequacy in any way causes or contributes to a fire loss.

FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION

In this application Auxier proposes installing 14 conventional fire hydrants on its water distribution system. These fire hydrant installations are not in compliance with Standard 24 of the National Fire Protection Association as adopted by 815 KAR 10:020 and the "Recommended Standards For Water Works" by the Great Lakes-Upper Mississippi River Board of State Sanitary Engineers as adopted by 401 KAR 6:200.

Auxier states in its application that the company does not provide water for fire service. Auxier further states that it is not committed to provide sufficient water at sufficient pressure

to afford adequate fire protection. The Recommended Standards for Water Works explicitly states that water mains not designated to carry fire-flows shall not have fire hydrants connected to them.

The Commission in good conscience cannot approve the installation of conventional fire hydrants that cannot provide fire protection in compliance with both state regulations and accepted engineering criteria. The installation of conventional fire hydrants may mislead the customers of Auxier into believing that the water distribution system is capable of providing adequate and reliable volumes of water for fire protection purposes. Under these circumstances the proposed conventional fire hydrants should not be installed.

FINDINGS AND ORDERS

The Commission, having considered the motion and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Conventional fire hydrants should not be installed on the Auxier Water distribution system.
2. The proposed addition to Auxier's tariff should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Auxier shall not install conventional fire hydrants on its water distribution system.
2. The proposed addition to Auxier's tariff be and it hereby is approved.
3. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Auxier shall file with this Commission its revised tariff sheets setting out the additional language approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of February, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Hemminger
Chairman

Robert M. Davis
Vice Chairman

Spencer W. Williams, Jr.
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director