

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BUTLER COUNTY WATER)
SYSTEM, INC. GRAYSON COUNTY WATER)
SYSTEM, SIMPSON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,)
AND WARREN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR A) CASE NO. 89-110
DEVIATION FROM 807 KAR 5:066, SECTION)
17(1), REGARDING METER TESTING)

O R D E R

By letter received April 28, 1989, Butler County Water System, Inc., Grayson County Water District, Simpson County Water District and Warren County Water District ("Water Systems") requested a deviation from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 17(1). This regulation requires a water utility to periodically test 5/8-inch water meters so that no meter remains in service without test for a period longer than 5 years. The Water Systems submitted a statistical analysis prepared by the Water Systems' engineer. The report submitted, which was prepared in 1988, utilized data from meters ranging from 12 years to 25 years old. The report advocated testing 5/8-inch meters after they have been in service 15 years.

The Commission having reviewed the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. According to the information supplied by the Water Systems, nearly one-half (46 percent) of the 15-year old meters

which were sample tested did not meet the Commission's regulations (807 KAR 5:066, Section 16) governing the "as-found" conditions of meters tested.

2. This level of inaccurate meters is unacceptable and the Water Systems' request to deviate should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

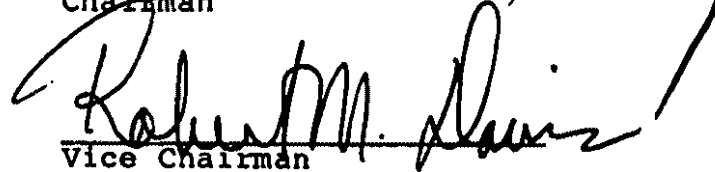
1. The Water Systems' request for permission to deviate from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 17(1), is denied.

2. The Water Systems' meter testing program shall comply with Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:066, Section 17(1).

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of May, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director