COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION FOR THE MERGER OF) THE SALT RIVER WATER DISTRICT AND) CASE NO. 89-283 THE KENTUCKY TURNPIKE WATER DISTRICT)

ORDER

Salt River Water District ("Salt River"), by petition filed on October 2, 1989, requested the Commission to initiate an investigation into the feasibility of merger between Salt River and Kentucky Turnpike Water District ("Kentucky Turnpike"). Pursuant to KRS 74.361, the Commission by Order dated February 13, 1990 established a proceeding to determine the advisability and feasibility of the merger.

On March 7, 1990, Salt River filed a motion requesting the Commission to hold this proceeding in abeyance pending resolution of the litigation recently filed in Bullitt Circuit Court styled <u>Salt River Water District v. Bullitt County Fiscal Court, et al</u>, Civil Action No. 90-CI-100.

The Commission finds that the issues in dispute in said circuit court action should be resolved before proceeding with its investigation into the feasibility of the merger of Salt River and Kentucky Turnpike. However, in light of the often protracted nature of circuit court actions, and to avoid maintaining an inactive proceeding indefinitely on the Commission's docket, the Commission finds that this proceeding should be dismissed rather than held in abeyance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion of Salt River to hold this proceeding in abeyance be and it hereby is denied. The Commission, on its own motion, FURTHER ORDERS that this proceeding be and it hereby is dismissed without prejudice to the rights of any party to refile upon final resolution of <u>Salt River Water</u> <u>District v. Bullitt County Fiscal Court, et al</u>, <u>supra</u>.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of March, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST: