## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF HUNTSVILLE-SOUTH HILL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.	) } }	CASE	NO.	91-158
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS CHAPTER 278	)			

## ORDER

This matter arises as a result of a Commission-initiated investigation of Huntsville-South Hill Water Association, Inc. ("Huntsville-South Hill") regarding service-related deficiencies and an alleged unauthorized charge.

Two informal conferences have been held in this proceeding. Huntsville-South Hill has filed all necessary information to satisfy the service deficiencies in this matter. The only question remaining concerns the alleged unauthorized \$15 service charge that does not appear in Huntsville-South Hill's tariff. Commission Staff has searched the cancelled tariffs of Huntsville-South Hill to try and determine whether that charge had once been approved, but through inadvertence, had not been carried over to the utility's current tariff. No cancelled tariff was found for the utility, with the exception of a 1991 cancellation. The utility's treasurer, Rollie Porter, agreed to search the records of Huntsville-South Hill to find some evidence that the charge was It Mr. part of the utility's rate schedule. was

Porter's understanding that the service charge has been authorized as long as he has been involved with the utility.

On August 19, 1991, the Commission received information from Huntsville-South Hill which contained a copy of a rate schedule apparently filed with the Commission and effective July 19, 1982. The copy, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, very faintly reflects a \$15 service charge. The utility also supplied the Commission with a copy of a customer's application for water service dated April 2, 1977, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B, which reflects the \$15 service charge in the rate schedule provided to its customers.

Under the circumstances, it is likely that the \$15 service charge was filed in the past but cannot be located at the Commission. There is no question but that the utility was acting in good faith when it charged the \$15 service charge believing that charge to have been filed and approved by the Commission. The evidence of record does not support a finding that Huntsville-South Hill violated KRS 278.160(2) and, therefore, no penalty should be assessed on the utility. To resolve the remaining issue of the \$15 service charge, the 1982 tariff produced by Huntsville-South Hill should be incorporated into its current tariff.

After consideration of the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that all deficiencies noted in the record of this case have been cured and resolved to the Commission's satisfaction and this proceeding should accordingly be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the investigation of Huntsville-South Hill be and it hereby is closed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Huntsville-South Hill's 1982 tariff reflecting the \$15 service charge is hereby made a part of its current tariff.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of October, 1991.

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