

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE BOONE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER	)	
DISTRICT'S TARIFF FILING TO UPDATE	)	CASE NO. 92-023
ITS CURRENT SEWER TARIFF	)	

O R D E R

Boone County Water and Sewer District ("Boone District") has submitted a proposed tariff for its sewer operations which revises its present tariff. At issue is whether certain rates are reasonable. Finding that none of these rates will generate excessive revenues, the Commission approves the proposed tariff.

Boone District is a combined water and sewer district. In addition to providing water service to residents of Boone County, Kentucky, it operates several package wastewater treatment plants and two sewer collection lines. It is currently developing a comprehensive sewage disposal system for Boone County. Toward that end, it has in recent years acquired several wastewater treatment plants in Boone County, Kentucky.

To ensure its tariff accurately reflects its present operations, Boone District on December 24, 1991 submitted a revised tariff for its sewer operations. The Commission initially suspended operation of the proposed tariff until June 22, 1992.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Order of January 15, 1992.

Boone District moved that certain rates be made effective immediately subject to refund. After finding that continued suspension of these rates might materially impair Boone District's operations, the Commission permitted these rates to become effective, subject to refund, pending a final determination of their reasonableness.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission will limit its discussion to proposed rates not previously found in Boone District's tariff. These rates are for service provided by the Burlington Complex, Connor School, Kelly School, New Haven School, and South Park Industrial Park sewage treatment plants and the Southeast Collection Line. Our review indicates that none of these rates produce excessive revenues or are unreasonable. To the contrary, none currently produces a level of revenue which exceeds operating expenses. For most of the plants in question, these revenues are not sufficient to meet current expense levels. Boone District is aware of this fact and has advised the Commission that it is considering a request for a general rate adjustment in the near future.

The Commission encourages Boone District to consider the use of a uniform rate for its package wastewater treatment plants. Boone District currently charges a separate rate and maintains separate records for each sewage treatment plant. A uniform rate would likely eliminate the need for maintaining several sets of records and reduce administrative records.

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<sup>2</sup> Order of March 24, 1992.

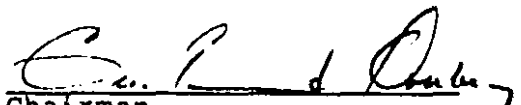
After review of the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the rates set forth in Boone District's proposed tariff are fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved for service rendered on and after January 22, 1992.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

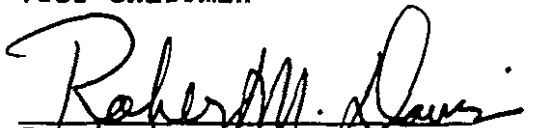
1. The rates set forth in Boone District's proposed tariffs are approved for service rendered on and after January 22, 1992.
2. Boone District shall, within 20 days of the date of this Order, submit an executed copy of the approved tariff.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of October, 1992.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director