



exists to grant the motion to substitute Mr. Groves as a complainant and grants leave to Franklin to file the amended complaint reflecting the substitution.

Although seven separate counts form the basis for the complaint, they need not be discussed at length in this Order. The gravamen of the complaint is that the city and both individual complainants are damaged as a result of the Commission's Order in Case No. 93-054 granting approval of Simpson District's application for a certificate, financing, and rate increase pursuant to KRS 278.023. The city deems it will be damaged because the project, as approved, will allow Simpson District to construct facilities to be used in changing water suppliers from the city of Franklin to a Tennessee water supplier. The individuals claim that the district's action in switching water suppliers will result in increased rates to district customers, due to new debt service and water purchase requirements; and, to Franklin's customers as a result of previously incurred debt service requirements being spread over a smaller customer base. The complainants argue that the construction approved in Case No. 93-054 will result in wasteful duplication of facilities. The complainants request that the Commission suspend its Order of March 11, 1993 in Case No. 93-054; initiate an investigation and hold a hearing regarding Simpson District's new water purchase contract with the Tennessee water supplier; revoke the certificate, financing approval and rates previously granted the district; initiate a rate case; and, declare KRS 278.023 unconstitutional.

Simpson District filed a motion to dismiss on March 23, 1993 arguing the complaint should be dismissed for failure to state a prima facie case. In support of its motion, Simpson District asserts that KRS 278.023 does not give the Commission discretion in reviewing applications filed pursuant to the statute.

After review of the complaint, the motion to dismiss of Simpson District, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds the complaint should be dismissed for failure to state a prima facie case.

KRS 278.023 provides in pertinent part:

(1) . . . it is declared to be the policy of the Commonwealth that such agreements shall be accepted by the Public Service Commission, and that the commission shall not prohibit a water utility from fulfilling its obligations under such an agreement.

. . .

(3) The commission shall review the project and the agreement, may recommend changes to the utility and the federal agency, but shall not modify or reject any portion of the agreement on its own authority. . . .

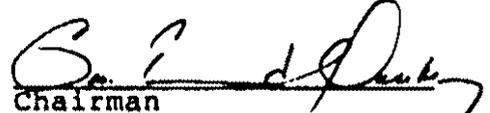
Clearly, the Commission has no discretionary authority under the statute to reject, rescind or suspend any portion of the previously approved project. Further, the Commission has no statutory authority to rule on the constitutional questions presented by the complaint.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Franklin's motion to substitute a party and request for leave to file an amended complaint be and they hereby are granted.

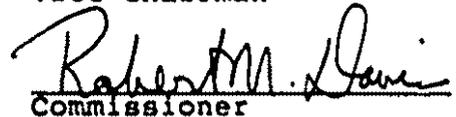
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Simpson District's motion to dismiss the complaint for failure to state a prima facie case be and it hereby is granted, and the complaint is dismissed with prejudice.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of April, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director