

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SOUTH 641 WATER DISTRICT            )  
REQUEST TO PROVIDE FREE            )  
WATER SERVICE                        )        CASE NO. 93-358

O R D E R

On September 22, 1993, South 641 Water District ("South 641") filed with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") its application requesting approval to continue to furnish free water service to a city-owned fire station.

A recent audit of South 641 made by the Commission revealed that the city-owned fire station was receiving free water service, and it was advised that offering free service was not in compliance with its tariff.

In its application, South 641 stated that the cost of repairing the metering equipment and making necessary repairs to the existing facilities would be unjustifiable after considering the minimal amount of water that is used in the building. South 641 further stated that the tap to this customer was made several years ago and the customer is tapped into a main line under a highway and South 641 has been unable to locate a valve that would enable them to turn off the water to this service.

After reviewing the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. It has been the policy of this and past Commissions to not allow water districts and associations to provide free water to any customer insofar that such publicly owned utilities have no shareholders to which the foregone revenues can be charged; therefore, South 641's request should be denied.

2. South 641 should file a tariff along with supporting material that would accommodate this type customer or else meter service to the fire station.

3. Insofar that there is no valve or other means to turn off the service to the fire station as required by the State Plumbing Code - 815 KAR 20:120, Section 12, and that the condition presents a potential health hazard, South 641 should correct that situation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

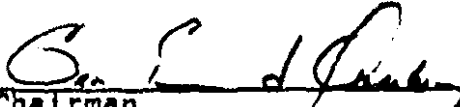
1. South 641's request to provide free water service is hereby denied.

2. South 641 shall file, within 30 days of the date of this Order, a tariff along with supporting material that will accommodate unmetered customers or else meter service to the fire station.


3. South 641 shall correct the potential health hazard that exists with the fire station service and within 30 days of the date of this Order file with the Commission the procedures that they will use to correct the situation.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of January, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director