

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF OHIO COUNTY)
WATER DISTRICT FOR (1) AUTHORITY)
TO ASSUME OWNERSHIP, OPERATION)
AND MAINTENANCE OF ROUGH RIVER)
WATER SYSTEM, INC. (2) AUTHORITY) CASE NO. 95-459
TO MAKE GENERAL ADJUSTMENTS IN)
THE CURRENT RATES AND (3) AUTHORITY)
TO INCREASE THE CURRENT CONNECTION)
FEES)

O R D E R

On March 28, 1996, Ohio County Water District ("Ohio Water") filed an application seeking authority to assume ownership of the Rough River Water System, Inc., to adjust its rates, and to increase its connection fees. Because the application seeks a rate adjustment, this case was placed on the docket as a general rate case.

General rate cases are governed by KRS 278.190. KRS 278.190(3) states, inter alia, that the Commission shall decide such cases "as speedily as possible, and in any event not later than ten (10) months after the filing of such schedules." The Commission's goal is to decide such cases within a 5-month period.

On April 30, 1996, the Commission entered an Order requiring Ohio Water to provide additional information by no later than May 14, 1996. On May 15, 1996, Ohio Water requested an extension of time up to and including July 15, 1996 within which to provide the information. The Commission granted the extension.

By statute, the Commission's final decision in this case must be entered by no later than January 28, 1997. The Commission's goal however was to enter its final order by no later than August 28, 1996. By granting Ohio Water's May 15, 1996 request, the Commission realized the impossibility of achieving its goal. At that time, its concern shifted from the 5-month goal to the 10-month statutory deadline.

On July 15, 1996, Ohio Water filed its Second Motion For Extension Of Time To Comply With "Attorney General's Request For Information" And With PSC "Order" ("Motion"). In its Motion, Ohio Water seeks an extension of time up to and including July 25, 1996 to provide the requested information. As grounds for the Motion, Ohio Water states that the volume of work required and the delays created by vacation schedules, sickness and other day-to-day tasks of the parties involved made it impossible for Ohio Water to fully comply with the Commission's Order.

Good cause having been shown, the Commission finds that Ohio Water's motion should be granted. However, Ohio Water should be advised that the Commission will closely scrutinize any future requests for extensions to ensure that ample time remains to process this case within the 10-month statutory period.

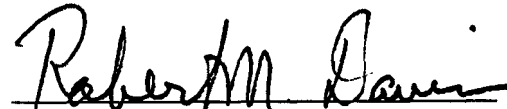
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Ohio Water's motion for an extension of time up to and including July 25, 1996 to provide its responses to the Commission's April 30, 1996 Order is hereby granted.

2. The revised procedural schedule attached as an Appendix to this Order shall be followed by all parties to this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of July, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



For the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 95-459 DATED 7/22/96

Ohio County Water district shall mail or deliver responses to
the requests for information no later than 07/25/96

All supplemental requests for information (to include only those
matters within the scope of the initial requests) to Ohio County Water
District shall be due no later than 08/01/96

Ohio county Water District shall mail or deliver responses to
supplemental requests for information no later than 08/09/96

Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed in verified prepared
form no later than. 08/23/96

All requests for information to Intervenors shall be due no later than . . . 09/06/96

Intervenors shall mail or deliver responses to requests for information
no later than 09/20/96

Rebuttal testimony, if any, shall be due no later than 09/27/96

Last day for Ohio County Water District to publish notice of hearing
date 10/04/96

Public Hearing is to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in
Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane,
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of
witnesses of Ohio County Water District and witnesses of the
Intervenors. 10/15/96