

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF MUHLENBERG COUNTY)
WATER DISTRICT TO REVISE ITS EXTENSION OF)
SERVICE POLICY AND ITS OWNERS WHO RENT) CASE NO. 96-151
PAYMENT POLICY)

O R D E R

On March 8, 1996, Muhlenberg County Water District ("Muhlenberg") filed a tariff with the Commission wherein it proposed to revise its extension of service policy and its payment policy for homeowners who are renting property served by Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg did not propose an effective date for the filing.

Muhlenberg proposed to revise its extension of service policy to require customers to pay the entire cost of a line in excess of three inches in diameter, that the customer pay a non-refundable \$500 payment in advance for engineering studies, and that the customer be required to pay for two residential services if the line is an extension from a non dead-end line. Muhlenberg also proposed to add language to its tariff that would require property owners who rent dwellings to insure that any and all delinquent bills in both the owner's and renter's name be paid before service is established. The Commission, finding further proceedings to be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff revisions, suspended the filing.

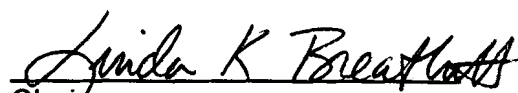
An information request was issued by the Commission on May 31, 1996, which directed Muhlenberg to respond within 14 days. Muhlenberg filed a Motion for Continuance

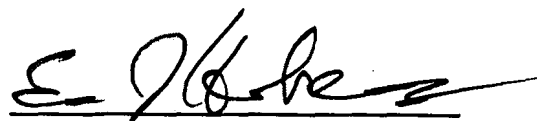
on June 7, 1996 requesting until June 28, 1996 to file the requested information. The motion was granted by the Commission on June 12, 1996. Muhlenberg filed its response to the information request on July 1, 1996. After a thorough review of the response, Commission Staff discovered that there were inconsistencies between the intent of the proposed tariff revisions and the actual language of the proposed tariff revisions. Efforts by Commission Staff to get the matter clarified have been unsuccessful. As a result, the Commission cannot approve the proposed tariff revisions as submitted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the tariff revisions proposed by Muhlenberg are denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of September, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director