COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MARK A. HENSLEY

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CASE NO. 98-126

MCKINNEY WATER DISTRICT

COMPLAINANT

DEFENDANT

<u>order</u>

On February 23, 1998, Mark A. Hensley filed a formal complaint against McKinney Water District ("McKinney Water"). Mr. Hensley stated that the meter which serves his property is across a state highway and that the service line running from the meter to his home lies under that road. He also stated that the water main is located in his yard along with a fire hydrant. Not wanting to be responsible for a service line underneath the road, he requested that the meter be moved by McKinney at no expense to him.

By Order dated March 18, 1998, McKinney Water was ordered to satisfy or answer the complaint. McKinney Water filed an answer which denied Mr. Hensley's request that the meter be moved at no expense to him. The answer confirms that Mr. Hensley's home is on the east side of State Highway 1247 while the water meter which serves his home is located on the west side of the highway. McKinney Water stated that the meter was placed on the west side of the highway at the request of the original landowner of both tracts of land on the east and west sides of the road. The answer also stated that McKinney Water did not install the service line which presently serves Mr. Hensley's property. McKinney concluded that it was willing to install new service for Mr. Hensley at the tariffed rate of \$400.00.

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On June 9, 1998, a public hearing was held at the Commission's offices. Testimony was presented by Mr. Hensley and McKinney Water. At the conclusion of the hearing Commission staff requested that additional information be submitted to the record indicating the actual cost of moving the meter from the west to the east side of the road. An estimate of the actual cost of moving the meter was prepared by McKinney Water's contractor and filed by McKinney Water on June 18, 1998. The estimated cost of labor and equipment for removing the meter from its present location and reinstalling it on Mr. Hensley's property was calculated to be \$737.50.

Based on the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. McKinney Water shall furnish and install at its expense a service connection from the existing tap on its distribution main to a point of service located at or near the street right-of-way or property line most accessible to the utility from its distribution system. The service connection shall include either the installation of a new meter and meter box or the relocation of the existing meter.

2. Mr. Hensley shall be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary pipe to make the connection from the point of service to the place of consumption.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of August, 1998.

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