

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE JOINT APPLICATION OF WARREN COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT, SIMPSON COUNTY WATER)	
DISTRICT, GRAYSON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND)	CASE NO.
BUTLER COUNTY WATER SYSTEMS, INC. FOR A)	97-434
DEVIATION FROM 807 KAR 5:066, SECTION 16(1))	

O R D E R

On October 17, 1997, Warren County Water District, Simpson County Water District, Grayson County Water District and Butler County Water Systems, Inc. (Applicants) applied for a deviation from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 16(1). Said application proposed that the Applicants be relieved of the requirement to periodically test 5/8 x 3/4-inch meters so that no meter remains in service without a test for a period of 10 years. The Applicants filed a Motion for Continuance in order to file additional information in support of their application on March 18, 1998. The Commission granted the Applicants motion and continued the matter generally by Order entered March 19, 1998. The Applicants, by counsel, filed on April 7, 1999, a Determination of Cost-effective Meter Testing Frequency prepared by Alan H. Vilines, Professional Engineer (P.E.). The analysis determined that the cost-effective periodic meter testing frequency for the subject utilities is 13 years. The Applicants propose to institute a meter testing and replacement program which will ensure that no 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter remains in service past 13 years of age.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that:

1. The Applicants request to deviate from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 16(1), subject to their adherence to the Proposed Meter Testing and Replacement Program set out in the Determination of Cost-effective Meter Testing Frequency prepared February 1, 1999 by Alan H. Vilines, P.E., should be approved.

2. The Applicants should continue to test, or have tested, every meter prior to placing it in service.

3. The Applicants should continue to test every meter which is removed from its service location for any reason.

4. The Applicants should continue to test customer meters as required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 18.

5. The Applicants should continue to file quarterly meter test reports as required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 3(2).

6. The Applicants should file an annual report of the meter testing results with the fourth period quarterly meter test report.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Applicants are granted a deviation from 807 KAR 5:066, Section 16(1), contingent on their adherence to the Proposed Meter Testing and Replacement Program as set forth in the February 1, 1999 Determination of Cost-effective Meter Testing Frequency report by Alan H. Vilines, P.E.

2. The Applicants shall comply with the requirements contained in Findings 2 through 6 as if the same were individually so ordered.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of April, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director