COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY WATER SERVICE DISTRICT FOR A CERTIFICATE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW AND LARGER TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN TO REPLACE A PORTION OF THE EXISTING TRANSMISSION MAIN NOW SERVING PENDLETON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, PHASE 1, COST \$439,000. [FUNDING WILL BE FROM CASH FLOWS, AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE, IF NEEDED]

CASE NO. 99-277

<u>ORDER</u>

Northern Kentucky Water Service District (Northern Kentucky District) has applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a \$439,000 waterworks improvement project. The subject construction project is identified as Project Q, being the same Project Q that the Commission dismissed as prematurely filed in its Order dated June 9, 1998 in Case No. 98-079.¹ Project funding includes \$439,000 in Northern Kentucky District funds and short-term notes.

Having reviewed the application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

¹ Case No. 98-079, The Application of Northern Kentucky Water Service District for Permission or Certificate to Construct Various Normal Extensions to its Water System; to Make Replacements; to Install Betterments in the Existing Water Treatment Plants; to Make Studies of its Water Supply Needs; and to Increase Storage Capacity [Funding Will be From Cash Flows and Notes Authorized by Statute].

1. The proposed project includes the construction of approximately 13,500 linear feet of 12-inch water main to replace an existing 8-inch and 6-inch water main along Licking Pike from Lickert Road to U.S. 27.

Northern Kentucky District proposes to extend the 12-inch water main an additional 2,100 linear feet through a change order once the reconstruction project on U.S.
27 is completed.

3. The proposed improvements will not compete with any other water utility.

4. Construction of the proposed improvements will not result in the wasteful duplication of existing utility facilities.

5. Viox and Viox Inc. of Erlanger, Kentucky prepared the drawings and specifications for the proposed waterworks improvement project.

6. The Division of Water of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet has approved the drawings and specifications for the proposed waterworks improvement project.

Estimated total cost of the proposed waterworks improvement project is
\$439,000.

8. Northern Kentucky District proposes to finance the proposed waterworks project with \$439,000 in Northern Kentucky District funds and short-term notes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Northern Kentucky District is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the proposed waterworks improvement project as set forth in the drawings and specifications contained in its application.

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2. Northern Kentucky District shall obtain approval from the Commission prior to performing any additional construction not expressly authorized by this Order.

3. Any deviation from the construction approved shall be undertaken only with the prior approval of the Commission.

4. Northern Kentucky District shall furnish documentation of the total costs of this project including the cost of construction and all other capitalized costs (engineering, legal, administrative, etc.) within 60 days of the date that construction is substantially completed. Construction costs shall be classified into appropriate plant accounts in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts for water utilities prescribed by the Commission.

5. Northern Kentucky District shall require construction to be inspected under the general supervision of a professional engineer with a Kentucky registration in civil or mechanical engineering, to ensure that the construction work is done in accordance with the contract drawings and specifications and in conformance with the best practices of the construction trades involved in the project.

6. Northern Kentucky District shall file a copy of the "as-built" drawings and a certified statement that the construction has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract plans and specifications within 60 days of the substantial completion of the construction certificated herein.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a warranty of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any agency thereof, of the financing herein accepted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of August, 1999.

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By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director