COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY)
WATER DISTRICT (A) FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE)
PARITY REVENUE BONDS IN THE APPROXIMATE) CASE NO. 2000-481
AMOUNT OF \$16,545,000; AND (B) A CERTIFICATE)
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE)
CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN FACILITIES)

ORDER

Northern Kentucky Water District ("NKWD") has applied for Commission approval to issue bonds in the approximate amount of \$16,545,000 and for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct water main facilities. Pursuant to KRS 278.300(2), the Commission must issue an Order in this matter within sixty (60) days of the filing date unless "it is necessary for good cause to continue the application for longer time."

Based upon our review of the application and the record, the Commission finds that good cause exists to continue NKWD's application for a time longer than 60 days. Although NKWD filed its application on October 27, 2000, it recently revised the information concerning its proposed construction. The information contained in the application fails to clearly identify and adequately discuss certain of the proposed construction projects and to provide clear understanding of the proposed bond issuance. Further review of this application is therefore necessary and cannot be complete by December 26, 2000.

¹ While the Commission continues this matter generally, it is our intent to expedite review of the application and to enter a final Order in this matter as soon as practicable.

Moreover, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention ("AG"), has moved for full intervention in this matter pursuant to KRS 367.150(8). As his intervention is authorized by statute and as any action on the application before December 26, 2000 would severely limit his ability to meaningfully participate in this matter, his action further requires that NKWD's application be continued.

Based upon the foregoing, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The AG's motion for full intervention is granted.
- 2. The AG is made a party to these proceedings.
- 3. NKWD's application is continued generally in accordance with KRS 278.300(2). However, the Commission will expedite its review of this application.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director