

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NORTHLAND SEWER)	
COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)	CASE NO.
PURSUANT TO THE ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING)	2000-546
FILING PROCEDURE FOR SMALL UTILITIES)	

O R D E R

On March 13, 2001, the Commission received letters from Walter Stead, Carolyn Lawson and Phyllis Yarbrough regarding this case. Ms. Lawson requested that the rates currently charged remain. Mr. Stead stated that the current rate is a fair amount and challenged the amount allowed for routine maintenance in the Staff Report.

Ms. Yarbrough also filed comments to Commission Staff's Report and requested a hearing on a later date than March 29, 2001, the hearing date set by the Commission. She stated that she needs additional time to obtain information from the Laurel County Fiscal Court and the United States Army Corp of Engineers. She also stated that most of the customers work during the day and that a later time would be appropriate. Ms. Yarbrough's letter is treated as a motion for continuance.

Ms. Yarbrough's motion must, under the circumstances of this case, be denied. The record in this case indicates that the rates currently charged to the customers of Northland Sewer are so low that there is a risk of material impairment or damaging affect to Northland's credit or operations. See KRS 278.190(2). It is therefore in the public interest to proceed with the hearing on March 29, 2001. However, interested

parties who are unable to attend the hearing may send their questions in writing, and the issues stated therein shall be treated at the hearing.

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

1. Ms. Phyllis Yarbrough's motion for continuance is denied.
2. All parties who will not attend the hearing may provide questions to the Commission, in writing, on or before March 26, 2001. The Commission and other parties will address those questions at the hearing.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of March, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director