

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF WEBSTER COUNTY WATER )  
DISTRICT TO REVISE ITS CURRENT WATER MAIN ) CASE NO. 2001-183  
EXTENSION POLICY )

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES  
AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS  
TO WEBSTER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Commission Staff requests that Webster County Water District ("Webster District") file the original and 8 copies of the following information with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this request, with a copy to all parties of record. Each copy of the information requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure its legibility. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

1. a. Does Webster District's proposed water main extension apply to water main extensions made by real estate subdivision developers?

b. If no, explain why it does not apply to water main extensions made by real estate subdivision developers.

2. Provide a copy of the minutes of Webster District's Board of Commissioners meeting in which the proposed policy was approved.

3. Refer to Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1, paragraph 2.

a. What criteria will Webster District use to determine if a person is a "potential customer" who may receive water from a proposed water main extension?

b. How will Webster District contact potential customers?

4. a. Does the proposed policy prohibit a potential applicant for service from constructing a water main extension and then donating to Webster District?

b. If Webster District's response to Item 4(a) is yes, explain why it is reasonable to prohibit a potential applicant from constructing his or her water main extension and then donating the extension to Webster District. Assume for purposes of this question that the potential applicant constructs a water main extension in accordance with Webster District's standards and specifications.

c. If Webster District's response to Item 4(a) is no, what refund of the cost of the water main extension, if any, will Webster District provide to a potential applicant when other customers connect to the water main extension? Describe how such refund will be calculated.

5. Refer to Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1, paragraph 3. Provide the contract form which potential customers will be required to execute.

6. Refer to Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1, paragraph 3. Assume a potential customer executes a contract regarding a proposed water main

extension, the water main extension is completed within the preliminary cost estimate, and the potential customer pays his or her required share. How long will the potential customer be obligated to take water service or pay the minimum bill?

7. Paragraph 4 of Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1 provides that "[a]fter the customer has paid its share of the water line extension and tap-on fee, no portion thereof is refundable unless the project is terminated by the Webster County Water District." Why is it reasonable for Webster District to retain the tap-on fee if a potential customer subsequently declines to take water service after construction of the water main extension has commenced and therefore does not have metering equipment installed to serve his or her site?

8. Identify all costs that are included in the "cost of installing a water line extension."

9. a. Does Webster District intend to install each customer's service tap, meter vault, and meter as part of the water main extension construction?

b. If such installation is part of the water main extension construction, will the cost of such installation be less than those made on existing water mains? Explain.

10. Refer to Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1, paragraph 5(a). Is the purpose of this paragraph to obligate Webster District to pay for the cost of 50 feet of the proposed water main extension for each customer executing an extension contract?

11. Refer to Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1, paragraph 5(b). How is the "initial contribution sum" determined?

12. Paragraph 6 of Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1 states that "new contributions will be first applied to reimbursing the Webster County Water District for its **contribution** in the installation of the line [emphasis added]."

a. Does the reference to Webster District's contribution refer to its total contribution to the cost of the water main extension?

b. Does the reference to Webster District's contribution refer **only** to those contributions made pursuant to Paragraph 5(c)?

13. a. Does Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1 require Webster District to contribute the cost of 50 feet of the water main extension when a "new customer" connects to a water main extension within 10 years of the installation?

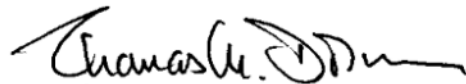
b. If Webster District's response to Item 13(a) is yes, then state whether these contributions will be deducted from the amount that Webster District is considered to have contributed pursuant to Paragraph 5(c) of proposed Policy No. 2001-1.

14. Paragraph 6 of Webster District's proposed Policy No. 2001-1 states that "[a]fter the Webster County Water District has recovered its contribution, then the **original** customers will be reimbursed on a proportionate basis for all subsequent connections [emphasis added]."

a. Is it Webster District's intent to exclude reimbursement to subsequent customers who are required to make the same level of contribution as "original customers"?

b. If Webster District's response to 14(a) is yes, explain why excluding subsequent customers from reimbursement is reasonable and does not result in rate discrimination.

15. Will Webster District permit any alternative extension arrangements that differ from proposed Policy No. 2001-1 if that policy becomes effective? If yes, describe the circumstances under which alternative extension arrangements will be permitted.



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