COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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THE FILING OF WEBSTER COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT A)	CASE NO.
SELF-READ METER READING POLICY)	2002-00082
FOR A TWELVE-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD	j	

SECOND DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO WEBSTER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Webster County Water District (Webster District) should file with the Commission the original and six copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before June 21, 2002. Each copy of the data 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 person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When information requested herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request. When applicable, the information requested herein should be provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations, separately.

- 1. You responded to Question 1 of the Commission's first data request that this pilot program will include only the White Oak Project and will affect only 60 customers.
- a. Advise whether the meter-reading cost analysis sheet in the original submittal should be revised to reflect 60 customers and the credit (\$1.52) given to each customer.
- b. Clarify the area regarding the trustees and explain if Webster District's trustees are the current meter readers.
- 2. a. Because the potential savings from the pilot program appear to be minimal, does Webster District plan to expand the program if it is successful? If yes, what savings potential exists from further expansion of the program?
- b. Explain the envisioned added benefits and advantages to Webster District of this self-reading program.
- 3. In your response to Question 7 of the first data request, you stated that Webster District has foreseen the need to increase its special meter-reading charge from \$15 to \$20.
- a. Justify the proposed \$20 special meter-reading charge for the 60 customers as proposed in this pilot tariff, distinguishing it as a charge rather than a penalty.
- b. If the Commission does not approve the \$20 meter-reading fee as mandatory, would Webster District proceed with the pilot tariff?
 - 4. Explain the fairness of this mandatory program.

5. Have you studied any other self-reading water meter programs in Kentucky or any other jurisdiction? If yes, explain in detail the programs you have studied.

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DATED: <u>June 13, 2002</u>

cc: Parties of Record