

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST LAUREL)	
WATER DISTRICT TO ISSUE SECURITIES)	
IN THE APPROXIMATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT)	
OF \$321,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF)	CASE NO.
REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING)	2002-00409
REVENUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT)	
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS)	
278.300 AND 807 KAR 5:001)	

ORDER

On November 15, 2002, the East Laurel Water District (East Laurel District) submitted its application seeking Commission authority to obtain a loan from the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation (KRWFC) in the amount of \$321,000, subject to an adjustment of up to 2.5 percent. East Laurel District estimates the KRWFC loan will have a 23-year term with an effective variable interest rate of 1.88 to 5.00 percent¹ per annum. However, East Laurel District states that the KRWFC loan may vary from the present assumptions based upon market conditions and other business judgment factors.

As part of its application, East Laurel District moves for a deviation from the provision of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6, requiring that, [w]henever in these rules it is provided that a financial exhibit shall be annexed to the application, the said exhibit shall cover operations for a twelve (12) month period, said period ending not more than ninety (90) days prior to the date the application is filed.

¹ Application, Exhibit A, Bond Debt Service East Laurel Water District Series 2002.

However, Section 14 of that regulation permits a deviation upon the showing of good cause.

In support of its request, East Laurel District states that there has been no change that is material in nature in the financial condition or operation of East Laurel District since December 31, 2001. In its application, East Laurel District uses the financial data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2001, the most recent published financial data available. Furthermore, because of the volatility of the bond market, East Laurel District claims that it cannot run the risk of delaying the closing of the 2001 KRWFC loan while more current financial data is compiled. Having considered East Laurel District's requested deviation, the Commission has determined that good cause for granting the deviation has been presented, and that there is sufficient financial information in the record for it to render a decision regarding the proposed KRWFC loan.

The loan proceeds will be used to refund East Laurel District's Waterworks Revenue Bonds of 1986 (1986 Revenue Bonds), dated April 2, 1987, bearing an interest rate of 5.75 percent per annum and an outstanding principal balance of \$314,000. East Laurel District estimates that its proposed refinancing will result in total gross savings and net present value savings of \$64,778 and \$25,482, respectively. If the proposed KRWFC loan is increased by the maximum 2.5 percent, East Laurel District estimates that the total gross savings and a net present value savings will decrease to \$44,749 and \$15,353, respectively.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that East Laurel District's proposal to obtain the KRWFC loan

as described herein, to refinance its 1986 Revenue Bonds is for a lawful object within its corporate purpose, is necessary, appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance of its service to the public, and should therefore be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. East Laurel District's motion to deviate from Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6, is granted.

2. East Laurel District is authorized to borrow an amount not to exceed \$329,025 from the KRWFC at an interest rate that will vary between 1.88 to 5.00 percent per annum.

3. East Laurel District is authorized to obtain the proposed KRWFC loan only if the total gross savings and net present value savings of the refinancing of its 1986 Revenue Bonds are at a minimum of \$44,749 and \$15,353, respectively.

4. East Laurel District shall, within 30 days of executing the agreement for the proposed KRWFC loan, file with the Commission a statement setting forth the date of the loan, the actual interest rate, and the actual principal amount.

5. The proceeds from the transaction authorized herein shall be used only for the lawful purposes specified in the application.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a finding of value for any purpose or as a warranty on the part of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or any agency thereof as to the securities authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of December, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy W^m H. Fowler
Executive Director