COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE HARDIN COUNTY	
WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 TO ISSUE)
SECURITIES IN THE APPROXIMATE)
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,485,000 FOR THE	CASE NO.
PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN	2003-00109
OUTSTANDING REVENUE BONDS OF THE)
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS)
OF KRS 278.300 AND 807 KAR 5:001)

<u>ORDER</u>

On March 21, 2003, Hardin County Water District No. 2 (Hardin No. 2) applied to the Commission for approval to issue bonds in the principal amount of \$4,485,000. Hardin No. 2s Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 (2003 Refunding Bonds) will have a 35-year term with interest rates varying from 3.500 to 4.625 percent per annum.

Hardin No. 2 will use the bond proceeds to refund (1) the Water System Revenue Bonds, Series of 1968 that bear a fixed interest rate of 4.00 percent per annum; (2) the Water System Revenue Bonds, Series of 1972 that bear a fixed interest rate of 5.00 percent per annum; (3) the Water System Revenue Bonds, Series of 1994A that bear a fixed interest rate of 5.50 percent per annum; and (4) the Water System Revenue Bonds, Series of 1998A that bear a fixed interest rate of 5.50 percent per annum (collectively Outstanding Revenue Bonds).

Using the competitive bids received on March 19, 2003, Hardin No. 2 determined that its proposed refinancing would result in total gross savings and net present value

savings of \$886,080 and \$354,881, respectively. According to Hardin No. 2, the proposed refinancing represents a net present value savings of approximately 8.11 percent.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Hardin No. 2s proposal to issue the 2003 Refunding Bonds, as described herein, for the purpose of refinancing the Outstanding 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. Hardin No. 2 is authorized to issue the 2003 Refunding Bonds to refinance the Outstanding Revenue Bonds but only under such terms and conditions that will produce both positive gross savings and net present value savings.
- 2. If the actual terms and conditions of the 2003 Refunding Bonds differ from those set forth in the Application, Hardin No. 2 shall, within 30 days of issuing the bonds authorized in this proceeding, file with the Commission amortization schedules and workpapers showing the actual gross savings and net present value savings that resulted from the refinancing of the Outstanding Revenue Bonds.
- 3. Hardin No. 2 shall, within 30 days of issuing the bonds authorized herein, file with the Commission a statement setting forth the date the bonds were issued, the actual interest rates, and the principal amount.
- 4. 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 as to the securities authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of April, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director