## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST PENDLETON )
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO INCREASE ) CASE NO. 2004-00148
CERTAIN NON-RECURRING CHARGES )

## ORDER

On April 26, 2004, East Pendleton County Water District ("East Pendleton") applied for authority to revise certain non-recurring charges. East Pendleton has provided adequate evidence of the individual expenses incurred to provide the services associated with the proposed charges. East Pendleton also proposes to add a leak adjustment policy to its tariff that requires a customer to pay only the variable cost of water for the portion of the customer's usage that is related to faulty equipment or leakage on the customer side of the water meter.

The Commission, having reviewed the record and being sufficiently advised, finds that:

- 1. The proposed charges are equal to the expenses incurred to provide the associated services.
- 2. The charges and leak adjustment policy set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

The charges and leak adjustment policy set forth in the Appendix to this
 Order are approved for services rendered on and after the date of this Order.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, East Pendleton shall file with the Commission revised tariff sheets setting forth the approved charges and leak adjustment policy.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Kobert a Smith for the Executive Director

#### APPENDIX A

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2004-00148 DATED July 12, 2004

The following rates, charges, and policies are prescribed for the customers in the area served by East Pendleton County Water District. All other rates, charges, and policies not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

# Non-Recurring Charges

Field Collection Charge	\$15.00
Meter Test Charge	40.00
Re-connection Charge	30.00
Re-connection Charge (after hours)	50.00
Returned Check Charge	20.00

# Leak Adjustment Policy

East Pendleton County Water District will recalculate and adjust a bill for water service under the following conditions:

- 1. The customer makes a written request for an adjustment due to a leak or faulty equipment on the customer side of water meter. This request must state the nature of the faulty equipment or leak, be accompanied by documentary evidence that repairs have been performed (e.g., itemized receipt for repair materials), and be given under oath. When a licensed plumber performs the repair work, the customer should provide a sworn statement or billing invoice from a licensed plumber stating the nature of the leak and the repairs performed and itemized receipts for repair materials.
- 2. An adjustment for a leak or faulty equipment shall be made only once during a 12-month period.

Calculation of Billing Adjustment. The customer's adjusted bill will be the sum of the customer's average monthly usage over a 12-month period billed at the utility's effective rates at the time of service and the difference between the customer's actual usage for the period in question and average monthly usage over a 12-month period billed at the rate that is \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons less than the present rate. If meter readings are not available for an entire 12-month period, the utility may estimate water usage, subject to an upward or downward adjustment once a 12-month average of actual meter readings can be calculated.