

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC RATTLESNAKE RIDGE WATER	)	
DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER LOSS	)	CASE NO.
REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND	)	2024-00176
MONITORING	)	

ORDER

On April 10, 2026, Rattlesnake Ridge Water District (Rattlesnake Ridge District) filed a motion requesting to expend \$50,000 of water loss surcharge funds to purchase a Ford Meter Test Bench.¹ Rattlesnake Ridge District responded to two requests for information from Commission Staff related to the matter.² For the reasons outlined below, the Commission finds that Rattlesnake Ridge District's request should be denied at this time.

BACKGROUND

On July 12, 2024, this case was initiated by Commission Order for the purpose of monitoring Rattlesnake Ridge District's unaccounted-for water loss reduction plan surcharge.³ Rattlesnake Ridge District was required to file a qualified infrastructure improvement plan (QIIP) within 120 days of service of the Order, and to seek Commission

¹ Rattlesnake Ridge District's Motion to Use Surcharge Funds (Motion) (filed Apr.10, 2026).

² Rattlesnake Ridge District's Response to Commission Staff's Third Request for Information (Staff's Third Request) (filed May 14, 2026); Rattlesnake Ridge District's Response to Commission Staff's Fourth Request for Information (Staff's Fourth Request) (filed June 30, 2026).

³ Opening Order (Ky. PSC July 12, 2024).

approval before using any water loss surcharge funds.⁴ On July 21, 2025, Rattlesnake Ridge District filed its QIIP.⁵

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

In its motion, Rattlesnake Ridge District requested to use \$50,000 of surcharge funds to purchase a Ford Meter Test Bench, which is designed to test 5/8-inch residential water meters.⁶ Rattlesnake Ridge District stated there is a need for reliable and precise meter testing in order to ensure compliance with the Commission's standards to prevent water loss and to address customer concerns regarding meter accuracy.⁷ Further, the district asserted that the meter test bench will allow it to more efficiently detect faulty meters and will aid testing schedules for overall efficiency.⁸ Rattlesnake Ridge District provided two different estimates from September 2025 and November 2025 at \$41,003.43 and \$50,000, respectively.⁹ Rattlesnake Ridge District also provided a copy of the board resolution approving the purchase.¹⁰

In response to Staff's Fourth Request, Rattlesnake Ridge District provided that all of its 4,500 meters are within the 10-year testing requirement as it just installed all new meters as part of its 2023-meter project.¹¹ Additionally, Rattlesnake Ridge District stated

⁴ Opening Order (Ky. PSC July 21, 2024) at 5-6, ordering paragraphs 4 and 8.

⁵ Rattlesnake Ridge District's QIIP (QIIP) (filed July 21, 2025).

⁶ Motion at unnumbered page 2.

⁷ Motion at unnumbered page 2.

⁸ Motion at unnumbered page 2.

⁹ Motion at unnumbered pages 5-6.

¹⁰ Motion at unnumbered page 4.

¹¹ Rattlesnake Ridge District's Response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 2.

it would have one designated employee testing meters for eight hours a week and anticipated testing 48-50 meters weekly.¹²

Having considered the evidence and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Rattlesnake Ridge District's request to purchase a Ford Meter Test Bench should be denied at this time. Given the age of Rattlesnake Ridge District's meters, there should be few slow or unregistered meters, indicating that a test bench might not be needed at this time. Additionally, the Commission acknowledges that a test bench might be useful for Rattlesnake Ridge District as its meters age, and nothing in this Order prevents Rattlesnake Ridge District from submitting an additional request in the future. The Commission encourages Rattlesnake Ridge District to determine whether such a bench might result in cost savings over time as compared to paying a third party to test meters, ensuring a meter testing plan so the district is compliant with 807 KAR 5:066 in addition to addressing unaccounted for water loss on an ongoing basis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Rattlesnake Ridge District's request to purchase a Ford Meter Test Bench is denied at this time.

¹² Rattlesnake Ridge District's Response to Staff's Third Request, Item 1 and Rattlesnake Ridge District's Response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 3.

Entered on this 27th day of August, 2026.

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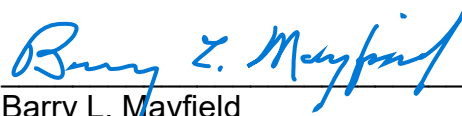
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