COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BARKLEY LAKE WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076	)))	CASE NO. 2026-00315

O R D E R

On November 13, 2026,[1] Barkley Lake Water District (Barkley Lake District) filed its application with the Commission requesting to adjust its water rates pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076. Barkley Lake District filed this proceeding in compliance with the final Order in Case No. 2024-00052.[2] In that proceeding, Barkley Lake District was ordered to file an application by October 31, 2026, for either a general rate adjustment or for an alternative rate adjustment (ARF), to ensure its revenue is sufficient to support adequate and reliable service.

The Commission finds that a procedural schedule[3] should be established to ensure the orderly review of Barkley Lake District's application. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order. The Commission further finds that Barkley Lake

[1] Barkley Lake District tendered its application on October 30, 2026. By letter dated November 5, 2026, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies. The deficiencies were subsequently cured, and the application is deemed filed on November 13, 2026.

[2] *See* Case No. 2024-00052, *Electronic Application of Barkley Lake Water District for Approval to Issue Evidence of Indebtedness and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* (Ky. PSC Oct. 22, 2024), final Order at 15, ordering paragraph 14.

[3] No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Barkley Lake District's proposed rates for service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set for in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

District should respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

2. Barkley Lake District shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

3. No later than the date set forth in the procedural schedule, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report (Staff Report) containing its recommendations regarding Barkley Lake District's requested rate adjustment.

4. No later than 14 days after the date of service of the Staff Report, each party of record shall file with the Commission:

a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Staff Report; and

b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

5. If Commission Staff finds that Barkley Lake District's financial condition supports a higher rate than Barkley Lake District proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Barkley Lake District's application, Barkley Lake District in its response to the Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should authorize the assessment of the higher rate or the additional rate or charge.

6. If Commission Staff finds that changes should be made to the manner in which Barkley Lake District accounts for the depreciation of Barkley Lake District's assets, Barkley Lake District in its response to the Staff Report, Barkley Lake District shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require Barkley Lake District to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.

7. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Staff Report within 14 days after the date of the service of the Staff Report shall be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding or recommendation.

8. If a party requests a hearing or informal conference, then the party shall make the request in its written comments and state the reason a hearing or informal conference is necessary.

9. A party's failure to request a hearing or informal conference in the party's written response shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application and a request that the case stand submitted for decision.

10. A party's failure to file a written response within 14 days after the date of service of the Staff Report shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application.

11. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state

with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of the utility consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

12. Any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule attached as an Appendix to this Order shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

13. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085[4] regarding filings with the Commission.

[4] Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

Entered on this 20th day of November, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Justin McNeil
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2026-00315 DATED NOV 20 2026

Barkley Lake District shall file responses to Commission Staff's First Request for Information no later than 11/27/2026

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than 12/01/2026

Intervenors' initial requests for information to Barkley Lake District shall be filed no later than..... 12/15/2026

Commission Staff's supplemental request for information to Barkley Lake District shall be filed no later than..... 12/18/2026

Barkley Lake District shall file responses to Intervenors' initial requests for information no later than 01/08/2027

Barkley Lake District shall file responses to Commission Staff's Supplemental request for information no later than 01/11/2027

Intervenors' supplemental request for information to Barkley Lake District shall be filed no later than..... 01/15/2027

Barkley Lake District shall file responses to Intervenors' supplemental request for information no later than..... 01/22/2027

Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than..... 02/23/2027

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