

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING FOR BATH) CASE NO. 2012-00537
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT)

ORDER

Bath County Water District ("Bath County") has applied for an adjustment of its rates for service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Finding that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Bath County's application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. This proceeding is established to review the reasonableness of Bath County's proposed rates.¹
2. No later than February 15, 2013, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report containing its findings and recommendations regarding Bath County's requested rate adjustment.
3. Each party shall file with the Commission its written comments and any objections to the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission Staff's Report no later than March 1, 2013, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff's Report, whichever occurs earlier. A party may file with such submission any additional evidence for the Commission's consideration.

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Bath County's proposed rates for general water service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth 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.

4. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding or recommendation contained in the Commission Staff's Report by March 1, 2013, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff's Report, whichever occurs earlier, shall be deemed as agreement with that finding or recommendation.

5. In the event Commission Staff finds that Bath County's financial condition supports a higher rate than Bath County proposed or recommends the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in the application, Bath County shall file a written response specifically stating its position on the finding or recommendation.

6. No later than March 1, 2013, or 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff's Report, whichever occurs earlier, each party shall notify the Commission in writing whether it waives its right to a hearing and whether this matter may be submitted for decision based upon the existing record.

7. Unless each party requests that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record and waives its right to a hearing, an informal conference shall be held in this matter on March 15, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

8. Unless each party waives its right to a hearing and requests that this matter be submitted for decision upon the existing record:

a. A formal hearing in this matter shall be held in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, at a date and time to be announced in a subsequent Order.

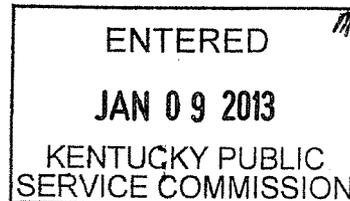
b. Each party shall file with the Commission, no later than March 29, 2013, a list of the persons it intends to call as witnesses at the scheduled hearing and a summary of each witness's testimony.

c. Bath County shall publish notice of the scheduled hearing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, no more than 21 days and no less than 7 days before the day of the scheduled hearing.

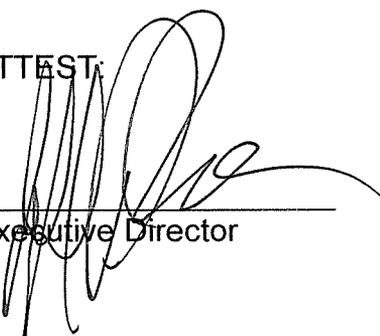
d. Pursuant to KRS 278.360, the record on the formal hearing in this matter shall be by videotape.

e. Commission Staff shall prepare a written list of all exhibits presented at the hearing and shall file this list with the Commission with all exhibits and a copy of the video transcript of the hearing.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

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