

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MUHLENBERG COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	CASE NO. 2013-00043
CONSTRUCT AND FINANCE A WATER)	
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PURSUANT TO KRS)	
278.020 AND 278.300)	

ORDER

Muhlenberg County Water District (“Muhlenberg District”) has requested authorization to borrow approximately \$1.25 million from Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation (“KRWFC”) to finance the purchase of automated meter reading equipment. We accepted Muhlenberg District’s application for filing on February 19, 2013. KRS 278.300(2) requires that the Commission dispose of Muhlenberg District’s application promptly within 60 days after its filing with the Commission “unless it is necessary for good cause to continue the application for longer time than sixty (60) days.”

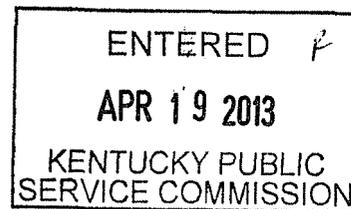
Muhlenberg District has not yet responded to the Commission’s written request of March 26, 2013 for evidence to demonstrate its compliance with KRS 424.260(1)¹ in the selection of the supplier of the automated meter reading equipment. Such evidence is necessary to determine that the installation of this equipment will not result in inefficient economic investment and that the proposed loan to finance the purchase of

¹ Except where a statute specifically fixes a larger sum as the minimum for a requirement of advertisement for bids, no city, county, or district, or board or commission of a city or county, or sheriff or county clerk, may make a contract, lease, or other agreement for materials, supplies except perishable meat, fish, and vegetables, equipment, or for contractual services other than professional, involving an expenditure of more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) without first making newspaper advertisement for bids.

the metering equipment is "consistent with the proper performance by the utility of its service to the public." Accordingly, the Commission finds that good cause exists to continue the application generally beyond the statutory period of 60 days.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Muhlenberg District's application for authorization to enter a loan agreement with KRWFC is continued generally.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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