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Re: Kentucky American Water Company - Petition for Confidential Treatment  
received November 17, 2008  
PSC Reference: Case No. 2008-00427

Dear Counselors:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on November 17, 2008 on behalf of Kentucky American Water Company to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential under Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870 et. seq. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as 442 pages of accounting policies and procedures, and 449 pages of salary survey information. Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the material is commercial information that is confidential and proprietary, the disclosure of which would unfairly advantage your client's competitors.

Based on a review of the information, the Commission has determined that the information for which you seek confidential treatment is such as to be authorized to be withheld from public inspection under KRS 61.878 and Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001. The information has been determined to be of a confidential and proprietary nature, which if openly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to your client's competitors if publically available from the Commission's records.

Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential meets the criteria for confidential protection and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky American Water Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



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