

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO)
EXCESSIVE WATER LOSS BY) CASE NO. 2019-00041
KENTUCKY’S JURISDICTIONAL)
WATER UTILITIES)**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PERFORM
COMPREHENSIVE WATER AUDIT AND TO SUBMIT RESULTS**

Farmdale Water District (“Farmdale District”) moves for an extension of time until December 22, 2020 in which to complete its comprehensive water audit and to submit the audit results. In support of this Motion, Farmdale District states:

1. In its November 22, 2019 Order, the Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) directed Farmdale District to perform a comprehensive water audit and submit the results of this audit to the Commission by May 22, 2020. In its April 7, 2020 Order, the Commission extended the deadline by four months due to the current state of emergency, making September 22, 2020 the deadline to submit the audit results.

2. Within a few days following the Commission’s November 22, 2019 Order, Farmdale District requested the Kentucky Rural Water Association (“KRWA”) to perform the comprehensive water audit. KRWA agreed to perform the audit and to perform other water loss detection services. Since then, Farmdale

District has been working with KRWA staff members to complete the audit. Between early December 2019 and early March 2020, KRWA staff members have visited Farmdale District on several occasions and have provided Farmdale District's Manager with more advanced water leak detection training. The ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency has slowed the audit process, however, and KRWA's comprehensive water audit will not be finalized prior to the September 22, 2020 deadline. KRWA needs several more days in the Farmdale District office to finish reviewing and analyzing information, including billing records, water usage records, and zone meter reading data, as part of its audit.

3. Farmdale District's office building is extremely small. It consists of two (2) tiny rooms and a very small storage area for storage of meters and other small replacement parts. The front room serves as the lobby and has work stations for two (2) office workers. The back room serves as a file room and as the Manager's office. There is no separate conference room. Because of COVID-19 health concerns, KRWA staff has been reluctant to spend much time in Farmdale District's office. Since COVID-19 has not subsided, KRWA staff and Farmdale District are now exploring other options for KRWA to obtain the billing records, water usage records, and zone meter reading data without having to spend several days in the Farmdale District office. After this work is performed, then KRWA will need time to prepare and finalize its report.

4. Extending the time period to perform the comprehensive water audit and to submit the audit results by 91 days will allow KRWA sufficient time to finish the audit and to prepare a report of its results. The requested extension will provide Farmdale District with meaningful results that can be used to reduce water loss and improve operating efficiency.

WHEREFORE, Farmdale District requests an extension of time until December 22, 2020 in which to complete its comprehensive water audit and submit the audit results to the Commission.

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Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001 Section 8(7) and the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085, this is to certify that Farmdale Water District's electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on September 14, 2020; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that a physical copy of the filing will be submitted to the Commission once the State of Emergency has ceased.



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