COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PSC Case 2020-121

In Re Matter of: ELECTRONIC SOUTHERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT METER REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE MONITORING

MOTION FOR KY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPROVAL OF USE OF FUNDS FROM SURCHARGE ACCOUNT

Comes Southern Water and Sewer District "Southern", by and through counsel, and for its motion to use the remaining funds from the proceeds of the water meter surcharge account, states as follows;

Pursuant to Kentucky P.S.C. Case 2019-131, Southern implemented a flat rate for all of their residential water customers and also added a surcharge to each bill to be used for the purpose of purchasing and installing new water meters. This surcharge would then be used to service a loan that Southern received to cover the expenses related to the meter replacement project.

Recently, Southern has completed their meter replacement project and has switched back to volumetric billing for all water customers. The last payment to satisfy the loan that was used to fund the meter replacement project was deducted on November 20, 2020. Currently, the bank account into which the surcharge fees were deposited and the loan payments were deducted totals \$25,523.87.

Southern proposes to use the remaining funds in the surcharge account to improve the overall water distribution system via purchasing master meters. These master meters would be used to improve Southern's leak detection program. The master meters would enable Southern to more effectively and efficiently detect water leaks. Improving the leak detection program would greatly improve Southern's operations and financial situation. **Wherefore**, Southern hereby requests PSC approval to use the remaining funds in the surcharge bank account to purchase and install master meters.

Respectfully Submitted,

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