

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC BLACK MOUNTAIN WATER)	CASE NO.
DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER)	2023-00202
LOSS REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE)	
AND MONITORING)	

MOTION TO USE SURCHARGE PROCEEDS

Comes now, Black Mountain Utility District (“Black Mountain”), by counsel, and respectfully moves the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to use proceeds of the Water Loss Reduction Surcharge. In support of this motion, Black Mountain states as follows:

1. In Case 2022-00275¹ the Commission ordered Black Mountain to assess a monthly Water Loss Reduction Surcharge of \$2.63² per active meter to be phased in over three years. The Commission ordered that the surcharge should continue for 48 months, or until \$319,316 has been assessed, whichever occurred first.

2. On October 9, 2023, the Commission established this proceeding to monitor Black Mountain’s Water Loss Reduction Surcharge. The Commission found that before Black Mountain District can utilize any proceeds from the surcharge, Black Mountain must obtain permission from the Commission.³ Black Mountain requested permission to use \$2,800 in surcharge funds to

¹ Case No. 2022-00275, *Electronic Application of Black Mountain Utility District for a Rate Adjustment Pursuant To 807 KAR 5:076*, October 9, 2023 Order at 13-17.

² Case No. 2022-00275, October 9, 2023 Order, Appendix A. Black Mountain will begin collecting \$5.27 on October 9, 2024.

³ October 9, 2023 Order at 5.

purchase an AQUASCOPE leak detection device.⁴ On May 30, 2024, the Commission granted this request.⁵

3. The quote for the AQUASCOPE leak detection device was generated on December 27, 2023. Since that date, the AQUASCOPE has been discontinued and is no longer available for purchase. Black Mountain received a new quote for a AQUA TEST 10-SDR leak detector, which will cost a total of \$5,200, or an additional \$2,400. The new quote is provided in Attachment A.

4. As of July 15, 2024, Black Mountain has \$65,864.54 in its Water Loss Surcharge Account.⁶

5. Black Mountain has been working diligently to address its water loss issues. As the Commission found in the May 30, 2024 Order, a leak detection device is essential to continuing to reduce water loss, and the additional \$2,400 for a different leak detection device is through no fault of Black Mountain.

WEREFORE, Black Mountain moves the Commission to permit Black Mountain District to use an additional \$2,400, for a total of \$5,200, to purchase a leak detection device.

This 24th day of July, 2024.

⁴ Motion to Use Surcharge Proceeds (filed April 22, 2024).

⁵ May 30, 2024 Order (Ky. PSC May 30, 2024).

⁶ Water Loss Surcharge Report Plus Water Loss and Documentation (filed July 15, 2024).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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