

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF THE CITY OF MT.)
VERNON TO INCREASE ITS WHOLESALE WATER)
RATES TO WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER)
ASSOCIATION, INC. AND KENTUCKY-AMERICAN)
WATER COMPANY)

Case No. 2024-00217

NOTICE REGARDING HEARING

The City of Mt. Vernon (“City”), by counsel, hereby provides notice that it believes the record is complete and justifies the City’s request for a wholesale water rate increase. The City last increased its wholesale water rates to water utilities under the Commission’s jurisdiction in August 2012. The City now requests an increase of approximately 16% on these wholesale water rates—an average of approximately 1.33% annual increase of that twelve-year period.

The City submitted its request to the Commission on June 6, 2024, with a proposed effective date of July 16, 2024. It responded to a staff request for information prior to this case being established. The Commission suspended the effective date of the rate through December 15, 2024, and served additional notice of the case to Western Rockcastle Water Association, Inc., and Kentucky American Water Company. Neither wholesale purchaser sought to intervene or objected to the proposed rate increase. During the processing of the case, the City responded to a request for information from the Commission Staff, who did not seek supplemental requests for information.

All these factors point to the reasonableness of the modest rate increase and the sufficiency of the evidence. Again, no purchaser objected to the proposed increase. No

purchaser sought intervention in this case. The Commission Staff did not issue a second request for information. And the proposed increase amounts to a mere 1.33% annual increase since the last wholesale rate increase occurred in 2012.

Accordingly, the Commission should grant the City's proposed wholesale water increase to a rate of \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons without a need for hearing. Nevertheless, to the extent the Commission has any remaining questions or concerns that would prevent granting the wholesale rate increase, the City will appear for a hearing or informal conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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