

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SOUTH)	
HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT FOR A)	Case No.
RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807)	2026-00193
KAR 5:076)	

**SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT’S VERIFIED REQUEST TO
INCLUDE SURCHARGE REVIEW IN PRESENT POCEEDING AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SURCHARGE DURATION**

South Hopkins Water District (the “District”) submits this Verified Request for the Commission to perform its pre-expiration review of its water loss reduction surcharge in this proceeding and also requests a 48-month extension of the water loss reduction surcharge. In support of its Verified Request South Hopkins states the following:

1. In its opening Order in Case No. 2023-00018, the docket established for monitoring South Hopkins District’s water loss reduction surcharge, the Commission indicated that a review of the necessity to continue the surcharge beyond the 48-month period would be conducted before the expiration of the surcharge.¹
2. The surcharge will expire on or about March 1, 2027.

¹ *Electronic south Hopkins Water District Unaccounted-for Water Loss Reduction Plan, Surcharge and Monitoring*, Case No. 2023-00018, opening Order at 2 (Ky. PSC Feb. 14, 2023).

3. Because the surcharge will expire during the pendency of the Application filed in this proceeding, and because the Commission reviews unaccounted-for water loss routinely in rate proceedings to evaluate to what extent expenses related to unaccounted for water loss are recoverable in rates, South Hopkins District requests that the Commission conduct a review of its water loss reduction surcharge in this docket.

4. Further, South Hopkins District requests that the Commission extend the duration of the surcharge for 48 months, or until March 1, 2031.

5. The Board of Commissioners of South Hopkins District has authorized its Chairman to take any and all necessary measures to add its request for a surcharge review and extension to the current proceeding. Attached as **Attachment 1** is a copy of the Resolution.

6. South Hopkins has experienced very recent reduction in its unaccounted-for water loss. South Hopkins District maintains this is because it has begun replacing its aging customer meters with new radio-read AMR meters and it has recently used grant funds to locate and repair several large leaks.

7. South Hopkins District has also received a recommendation from its consulting engineer to divide its system into zones and install 14 zone meters to help identify areas where water loss is occurring more quickly.

8. South Hopkins District has an urgent need for sufficient funds to pay its wholesale water bill to Dawson Springs and will seek Commission approval to use a portion of its current Surcharge Funds to pay that bill.

9. As South Hopkins District has had recent success in reducing its water loss, it would like to continue that momentum and make further changes to its system, such as the placement of the recommended zone meters and the continued installation of new meters, in expectation that these changes will also have a beneficial effect on reducing water loss.

10. South Hopkins District has prepared a Customer Notice of this request. The earliest the Customer Notice can be published in the local newspaper is October 17, 2026. A copy of the Customer Notice is attached as **Attachment 2**.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, South Hopkins District seeks an Order from the Commission finding that its Water Loss Reduction Surcharge will be reviewed in this proceeding.

Filed: October 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and the Public Service Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085, I certify that this document was transmitted to the Public Service Commission on October 14, 2026 and that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

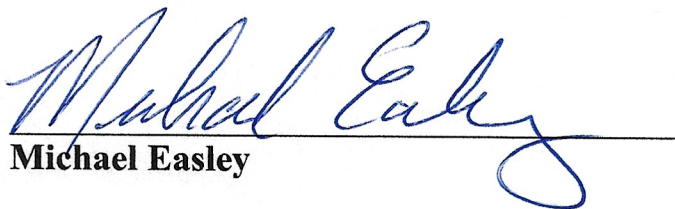
/s/Tina C Frederick

Counsel for South Hopkins Water District

VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HOPKINS)

The undersigned, **Michael Easley**, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of South Hopkins Water District, the Applicant in the above proceedings; that he has read the Request and has noted its contents; that the same is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.


Michael Easley

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 13th day of October 2026.


Notary Public

ANITA M BLACK
NOTARY PUBLIC KYNP75361
KENTUCKY STATE AT LARGE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 3, 2027

Commission Number: KYNP75361

My Commission Expires: 8.3.2027

Attachment 1

Resolution Authorizing Request

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10-01

**RESOLUTION OF SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO AMMEND
ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING TO INCLUDE AN EXTENSION
OF THE WATER LOSS SURCHARGE**

WHEREAS, South Hopkins Water District (“the District”) is a water district organized pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 74;

WHEREAS, KRS 278.015 provides that a water district is a utility and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) in the same manner and to the same extent as any other utility;

WHEREAS, KRS 278.040 provides that the Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over the regulation of rates and services of utilities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

WHEREAS, KRS 278.160 provides that utilities must file schedules showing all rates and conditions of service established by the utility with the Commission;

WHEREAS, KRS 278.180 provides that no change may be made in any rate charged by any utility except upon thirty (30) days’ notice to the Commission;

WHEREAS, In Case No. 2022-00122, the Commission approved a Water Loss Reduction Surcharge of \$3.50 per active meter until March 1, 2027, or until \$500,668 has been assessed, whichever occurs first;

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2026, the District made an Alternative Rate Filing pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076 with the Commission seeking an increase in its rates for water service;

WHEREAS, the District has experienced extremely high levels of water loss in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to extend its Water Loss Reduction Surcharge until March 1, 2031, which is 48 months beyond the time it is currently due to expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The facts, recitals, and statements contained in the foregoing preamble of this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby affirmed and incorporated as a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Chairman is authorized and directed to take any and all actions reasonably necessary to prepare, execute, verify, and submit to the Commission all necessary filings and responses to formally add a request to extend the current Water Loss Reduction Surcharge to the current Alternative Rate Filing.

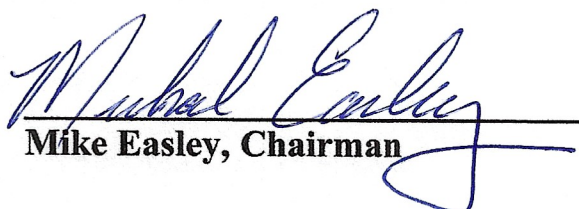
Section 3. The statement made to the Commission in the District's Response to Staff's First Request, Item 7 regarding the District amending its Alternative Rate Filing to include an extension of its Water Loss Reduction Surcharge is ratified.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of South Hopkins Water District at a meeting held on October 13, 2026, signed by the Chairman and attested by the Treasurer.

SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT

By:


Mike Easley, Chairman

ATTEST:


Deborah Duncan, Treasurer/Acting Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Acting Secretary of South Hopkins Water District (the "District") does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the District's Board of Commissioners at a meeting properly held on October 13, 2026, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, attested by the Acting Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, and now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 13th day of October 2026.

Deborah Duncan
Deborah Duncan, Treasurer/Acting Secretary

Attachment 2

Customer Notice

SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMER NOTICE

On or about October 14, 2026, South Hopkins Water District (the “District”) will file an amendment to its existing Application for an Alternative Rate Adjustment with the Kentucky Public Service Commission proposing to extend its \$3.50 per active meter Water Loss Reduction Surcharge for an additional 48 months. The Surcharge is currently scheduled to end on March 1, 2027. The District is requesting to extend it until March 1, 2031. The Public Service Commission has assigned Case No. 2026-00193 to this matter. If approved, the Surcharge extension will begin on March 2, 2027.

Any person may examine the Application for an Alternative Rate Adjustment and the Amendment at the District’s office at 129 S. Main Street, Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All filings in Case No. 2026-00193 may also be viewed at the Public Service Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission’s website at <https://psc.ky.gov/trf4/TRFListFilings.aspx?mode=1>.

Comments regarding the proposed Surcharge extension may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602 or by email to psc.tariffs@ky.gov.

The \$3.50 Surcharge is the District’s proposed financial mechanism to provide funds to address unaccounted-for water loss. However, the Public Service Commission may order surcharges or other rates that differ from those which are proposed. Such action may result in rates for service for consumers other than those which are set forth in this notice.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY, 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the person’s status and interest. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the proposed surcharge extension.

South Hopkins Water District
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