

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NORTHEAST WOODFORD) CASE NO.
WATER DISTRICT TO INCREASE CERTAIN) 2009-00356
NONRECURRING CHARGES)

O R D E R

On September 2, 2009, Northeast Woodford Water District (“Northeast Woodford”) applied for authority to revise its connection fees for 5/8 x 3/4-inch meters and 1-inch meters. The filing was found to be deficient, and Northeast Woodford filed additional information that cured these deficiencies on September 25, 2009. Commission Staff issued three information requests, and Northeast Woodford responded to the first two.

On May 26, 2010, Commission Staff held an informal conference with Northeast Woodford, as well as Elkhorn Water District and Peaks Mill Water District, both of whom are requesting similar revisions to their connection fees. During the conference, the parties discussed whether the inclusion of a rock clause in the utilities’ tariffs would resolve issues regarding the requested nonrecurring charges.

On June 14, 2010, Northeast Woodford filed an amended tariff sheet and cost justification sheets.¹ The amended tariff sheet included a rock clause that would allow the utility to recover additional costs from the customer when excessive rock was encountered

¹ The amended filing by Northeast Woodford materially amends the application. Northeast Woodford is notified that the statutory deadline by which the Commission must render a decision is revised to April 14, 2011. See KRS 278.190.

when connecting the utility's system to the customer's service line. The newly filed cost justification sheets suggest that Northeast Woodford's connection fee should be increased from its current level but to a level lower than originally proposed.

On April 26, 2010, Commission Staff, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, issued its third information request to Northeast Woodford. Northeast Woodford requested a 21-day extension by letter dated May 10, 2010. At the May 26, 2010 informal conference, Commission Staff allowed Northeast Woodford to respond no later than June 15, 2010. Northeast Woodford has not responded to Commission Staff's third data request. Although the utility has filed an amended application, the Commission finds that Commission Staff's third information request seeks relevant information that could provide support for Northeast Woodford's requested nonrecurring charges.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northeast Woodford shall file responses to Commission Staff's third information request within 14 days of the date of this Order.

By the Commission

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SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:


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