## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

## INVESTIGATION OF THE FAILURE OF GREEN HILLS WATER DISTRICT TO FILE REQUIRED REPORTS

) ADMINISTRATIVE ) CASE NO. 2011-00338

## ORDER

On October 11, 2011, the Commission ordered Green Hills Water District ("Green Hills") to appear before us on October 27, 2011, and show cause why it should not be subject to a civil penalty for its alleged failure to comply with KRS 278.230(3). The Commission further ordered that, in lieu of appearing before us, Green Hills could waive its right to a hearing, pay a civil penalty of \$250.00, and file the required report. Green Hills has moved for an extension of time in which to file its financial and statistical reports and gross operating reports for calendar years 2009 and 2010, and to tender \$250.00 as payment for any civil penalties arising out of its failure to comply with KRS 278.230(3).

Green Hills appeared before the Commission on October 27, 2011. Sherry Turner, Office Manager for Green Hills, testified that Green Hills' accountant mismanaged the preparation and filing of the required reports, and misrepresented the filing deadlines and the seriousness of filing the required reports on time. She further testified that Green Hills retained a new accountant for the coming year.

Green Hills did not contest either the allegations set forth in the October 11, 2011 Show Cause Order or the assessment of a civil penalty for its failure to comply with KRS 278.230(3) and KRS 278.140. Ms. Turner testified that Green Hills sent a \$250.00 payment in the form of a U.S. Money Order by Certified Mail through the U.S. Postal Service. Ms. Turner provided a receipt for the money order and a photocopy of the Certificate of Service showing the Commission's receipt of the letter. The Commission, however, has been unable to locate the Certified Mail.

Green Hills requests at least a 90-day extension to ensure its reports are filed properly and to resubmit a \$250.00 penalty payment.

Having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Green Hills' Motion is granted.

2. Green Hills is granted an extension of time up to and including January 31, 2012, to file its required financial and statistical reports and gross operating reports for calendar years 2009 and 2010.

3. Green Hills is assessed a civil penalty of \$250.00.

4. Payment of the penalty shall be made no later than January 31, 2011 by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of Kentucky, and shall be delivered to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615.

5. Green Hills' failure to file the required reports and submit the required civil penalty within the time period specified by this Order will subject it to additional civil penalties.

By the Commission



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