

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BRACKEN COUNTY WATER	)	
DISTRICT TO MODIFY THE FINAL ORDER	)	
IN CASE NO. 2015-00149 TO PERMIT USE OF	)	
PROCEEDS OF AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT	)	CASE NO. 2016-00104
WITH THE KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE	)	
AUTHORITY FOR OTHER PURPOSES	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Bracken County Water District ("Bracken District"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and five copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within seven days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Bracken District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though

correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Bracken District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Bracken District shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total utility operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Bracken District shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Bracken District states that it has entered into a Water Purchase Agreement with Western Mason County Water District (“Western Mason District”) “in which both water utilities have agreed to provide water service to the other on an as-needed basis.”<sup>1</sup> Provide a full description of what Bracken District means by the phrase “as-needed basis” and whether the Water Purchase Agreement is an interconnection solely for stand-by, emergency service or whether the interconnection is for Bracken District’s purchase or sale of any amount of water on a regular, non-emergency basis.

2. Provide the following information regarding Bracken District’s water ability treatment and delivery:

a. State whether Bracken District has water treatment facilities, and, if applicable, state the rated daily capacity of the treatment facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> Application at 3.

b. State whether Bracken District purchases water from another water system or systems, and, if applicable, identify each system.

c. What is the annual peak day water usage for Bracken District for each year since 2010?

3. Provide the following information concerning Bracken District's interconnections with other systems:

a. Identify each interconnection that Bracken District has with another system.

b. For each interconnection identified in sub-part a, identify the other system.

c. For each interconnection identified in sub-part a, state the amount of water that is transmitted through the interconnection during an average day.

d. For each interconnection identified in sub-part a, state whether the interconnection is used on a regular basis or is for providing stand-by or emergency service.

e. For each interconnection identified in sub-part a, state whether the interconnection is used to supply Bracken District, used by Bracken District to supply another system, or both.

f. By vendor, state the rate that Bracken District pays for the water that it purchases.

4. For the proposed interconnection, provide the following:

a. Will there be a master meter for each direction?

b. Will flow run through the meter in a reverse direction or will reverse flow be prevented?

- c. Who will be responsible for testing the master meter(s)?
5. Regarding the service area of Bracken District, provide the following:
  - a. What portion of Bracken District's water system will be supplied by Western Mason District in an emergency?
  - b. What are the average daily and peak day demands of this portion of the system?
6. Regarding the Water Purchase Agreement, provide the following:
  - a. Is the initial wholesale water rate applicable to both purchases by Bracken District from Western Mason District and purchases by Western Mason District from Bracken District?
  - b. Does the initial rate of \$1.83 per 1,000 gallons to Bracken District include the \$0.50 per 1,000 gallon credit?
    - (1) If no, does that mean that the initial wholesale rate for purchases by Western Mason District from Bracken District is \$2.33 per 1,000 gallons?
    - (2) If yes, does that mean Bracken District will pay \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons while putting \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons toward debt payment on the SRF loan?
7. State the factors that support Bracken District's request for the Commission to enter an Order within 30 days of the acceptance of the Application for filing.

8. Provide a copy of all minutes of meetings of Board of Commissioners of Bracken District since January 1, 2014 in which the construction of an interconnection with Western Mason District was discussed.

9. Provide the amount of contribution in aid of construction that Western Mason District will make for receiving the benefit of the proposed interconnection. If no contribution will be made, explain why not.

  
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