

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF |) | |
| HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT |) | |
| NO. 2 FOR A DECLARATORY ORDER |) | |
| THAT SAMPLE TESTING |) | |
| SATISFIES THE TESTING |) | CASE NO. 2016-00432 |
| REQUIREMENTS OF 807 KAR |) | |
| 5:066 SECTION 16(1) OR, IN THE |) | |
| ALTERNATIVE, FOR AN ORDER |) | |
| GRANTING A DEVIATION FROM |) | |
| 807 KAR 5:066 SECTION 16(1) |) | |

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

Hardin County Water District No. 2 ("Hardin No. 2"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an original with ten copies in paper medium and an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due within ten days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information in paper medium 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 the 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.

Hardin No. 2 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 Hardin No. 2 fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall 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 filing a paper containing personal information, Hardin No. 2 shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide a breakdown of the 5/8- x 3/4-inch meters in Hardin No. 2's system by manufacturer, model, and age.
2. State the number of years for which the manufacturer warrants the operation of the meters used in Hardin No. 2's system.
3. Provide the type of meter(s) (manufacturer and model) Hardin No. 2 plans to purchase in the future and describe the manufacturer's warranty on these meters.
4. Provide the name of the meter manufacturer(s) that the utility will be using in its sample testing.

5. Provide the minutes of the meetings of Hardin No. 2 Board of Commissioners in which the current request for deviation was discussed and authorized.

6. Refer to Exhibit 2 of the application. The cost of meter is stated to be \$92.

a. Provide a detailed explanation of how this amount was determined.

b. Provide invoices supporting this amount.

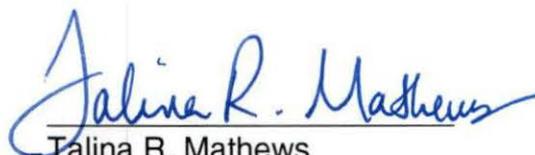
7. Refer to the application at 17. Hardin No. 2 states that the proposed plan will result in annual meter capital cost savings of \$76,636. Explain in detail how this amount was determined.

8. Refer to page 7 of Exhibit 1 to the application. Hardin No. 2 states, "If any randomly selected meter is broken, damaged, frozen, or has been vandalized or tampered with, then that particular meter will be replaced by another random selection." State whether the utility will use the test data from the damaged meters in the data for its sample testing plan, along with the other randomly selected meter, or whether data from damaged meters will be excluded.

9. State whether after 15 years of service the utility plans to place the meters back into service for an additional 15 years if the meters' accuracy is acceptable. If the utility does not plan to use the meters after 15 years of service, state whether it will test the meters for accuracy before retiring them.

10. Refer to page 9 of the application. Hardin No. 2 states, "The Plan is consistent with the results of tests performed by other Kentucky water utilities for which the Commission has granted deviations to maintain their 5/8-x 3/4-inch meters in service for 15 years without testing based upon the use of similar sample testing

methodologies.” State whether Hardin No. 2 has performed any in-depth study similar to those performed by the utilities in the cases that have been cited in comparison. If so, provide a copy of any such study. Further, state whether the meters to be used in the sample testing by Hardin No. 2 are made by the same manufacturer as the meters that were studied in the respective cases cited in comparison.



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