

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC EMERGENCY DOCKET RELATED )      CASE NO.  
TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19      )      2020-00085

ORDER

On April 17, 2020, Parksville Water District (Parksville District), pursuant to the procedures established in this docket, by electronic mail, requested a deviation from its tariff provision and reduce its returned check fee.<sup>1</sup> Pertinent to this request, Parksville District's tariff assesses a \$25.00 charge for a returned check.<sup>2</sup> Parksville District requests that it be allowed to deviate from its tariff and charge \$10.00 for a returned check stating that a large number of its customers are unemployed at this time and that it is the right thing to do.

The Commission finds that Parksville District has provided good cause to be granted deviation from its tariff and temporarily reduce its returned check fee until a reasonable time after the current state of emergency ends. Because this reduction is temporary, the Commission finds that Parksville District should not be required to file a revised tariff with the Commission setting out the reduced return check charge. The Commission further finds, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 28, and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 15, that Parksville District should be granted a deviation from certain filing

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the email is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

<sup>2</sup> Parksville Water District's Tariff, 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2.

regulations regarding changes to rates and nonrecurring charges, specifically: 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9(1) & (2);<sup>3</sup> 807 KAR 5:011, Section 6(1);<sup>4</sup> the filing requirements for a nonrecurring charges in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10; and the notice requirements in 807 KAR 5:011, Sections 8 and 9. Finally, the Commission, pursuant to KRS 278.180(2), which allows the Commission to shorten the normal 30-day notice period for a reduction in rates, finds that due to the current state of emergency, Parksville District's reduction of its returned check charge should become effective upon entry of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Parksville District's request is granted.
2. Parksville District is granted deviation from the tariff provision that requires assessment of a \$25.00 for a returned check.
3. Parksville is granted deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9(1) & (2); 807 KAR 5:011, Section 6(1); 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8; 807 KAR 5:011, Section 9; and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10.

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<sup>3</sup> 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9(1) & (2) provide:

(1) A utility may make special nonrecurring charges to recover customer-specific costs incurred that would otherwise result in monetary loss to the utility or increased rates to other customers to whom no benefits accrue from the service provided or action taken. A utility desiring to establish or change a special nonrecurring charge shall apply for commission approval of the charge in accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10.

(2) A nonrecurring charge shall be included in a utility's tariff and applied uniformly throughout the area served by the utility. A charge shall relate directly to the service performed or action taken and shall yield only enough revenue to pay the expenses incurred in rendering the service.

<sup>4</sup> 807 KAR 5:011, Section 6(1) provides that "[a] tariff, tariff sheet, or tariff provision shall not be changed, cancelled, or withdrawn except as established by this section and Section 9 of this administrative regulation."

4. Parksville District is authorized to charge \$10.00 for a returned check fee on after the date of entry of this Order.

5. Parksville District shall notify the Commission in writing in this docket when it no longer believes the reduced returned check fee is warranted.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

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Executive Director

ATTACHMENT

ATTACHMENT TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00085 DATED APR 27 2020

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**From:** Parksville Water District <[pwd@kywimax.com](mailto:pwd@kywimax.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 8:43 AM  
**To:** Chandler, Kent (PSC) <[Kent.Chandler@ky.gov](mailto:Kent.Chandler@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** Tariff deviation request

Dear Mr. Chandler,

Due to the current state of emergency, I would like to request a deviation from our tariff charge of \$25.00 for a returned check to instead only ask \$10.00 to recover the bank fee charged to the water district. A large number of our customers are unemployed right now so I believe it is the right thing to do.

Thank you  
Debbie Webb, Manager  
Parksville Water District

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