#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO)KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S)PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A RATE)MECHANISM RELATED TO COST SAVINGS)FROM REFINANCING OF LONG-TERM DEBT)

CASE NO. 2020-00091

### <u>ORDER</u>

On March 24, 2020, the Commission initiated this proceeding to investigate the reasonableness of Kentucky-American Water Company's (Kentucky-American) proposed rate mechanism to return to ratepayers the potential cost savings achieved from the refinancing of long-term debt. On April 8, 2020, Kentucky-American filed its response to the March 24, 2020 Order, setting forth its proposal to return savings from the refinancing through a one-time line item credit on bills beginning on or about July 1, 2020.

Having reviewed Kentucky-American's response and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the efficient and timely processing of this proceeding. That procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

All requests for intervention should be filed by April 20, 2020. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceedings that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will

assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission further finds that any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not adequately represented, or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of water consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of a possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

Finally, the Commission directs the parties' attention to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents in paper medium to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

2. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. The original in paper medium shall be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-*19 (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-*19 (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

3. Any motion to intervene filed after the date set forth in the Appendix shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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## APPENDIX

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00091 DATED APR 13 2020

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than	. 04/20/20
Initial requests for information to Kentucky-American shall be filed no later than	. 04/20/20
Kentucky-American shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than	. 04/27/20
Supplemental requests for information to Kentucky-American shall be filed no later than	. 05/08/20
Kentucky-American shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	. 05/15/20
Intervenor comments, if any, shall be filed no later than	05/20/20
Kentucky-American shall file response comments no later than	05/27/20
The parties shall file a request for either an evidentiary hearing or that the matter can be decided upon the record no later than	05/29/20

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