COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC FARMDALE WATER DISTRICT'S UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER LOSS REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND MONITORING

CASE NO. 2020-00217

On September 2, 2022, Farmdale Water District (Farmdale District) filed a motion to expend surcharge funds to reimburse the district for three expenses relating to water loss prevention. On June 21, 2021, Farmdale District filed a motion for an extension of time to file a qualified infrastructure improvement plan (QIIP). The Commission grants the motion for extension of time, requiring that the QIIP be filed within 45 days of service of this Order, and for the reasons stated below, the Commission is unable to rule on the motion for reimbursement of expenses with surcharge funds, without further information.

BACKGROUND

On July 7, 2020 the Commission entered an Order initiating this Unaccounted for Water Loss Reduction Plan, and Surcharge Monitoring case. As part of that Order Farmdale District was ordered, within 120 days of entry of the Order, to file with the Commission a QIIP, to file a monthly activity report on the 15th of each of month, to file a monthly water loss report on the 15th of each month, and to file a schedule of estimated and actual progress of the water loss detection and repair program and estimated and actual expenditures made with the surcharge proceeds(annual progress report) for the

purpose of evaluating whether adjustments to the program or the surcharge amount are required, among other things.

Farmdale District has filed three motions requesting extensions to file the QIIP. On December 21, 2020, Farmdale District filed its first motion for extension stating it was waiting on the completion of a comprehensive water audit being performed by Kentucky Rural Water Association. The Commission granted the extension on December 23, 2020, to allow filing of the QIIP as late as April 20, 2021. On April 19, 2021, Farmdale District filed the second motion for extension to file the QIIP requesting 62 additional days, stating that due to Covid the comprehensive water audit was still pending. Again, on July 21, 2021, Farmdale District filed a motion for an additional extension of 70 days from the day their motion as filed, to file the QIIP. It was noted in the motion that Farmdale District has complied with all other ordering requirements. The Commission has yet to enter an Order responding to the April 19, 2021 motion or the July 21, 2021 motion.

On July 7, 2021, Farmdale District filed its first annual progress report which indicated that its Water Loss Detection and Repair Program was not yet completed as it was waiting for the comprehensive water audit ordered in Case No. 2019-00041, and that none of the surcharge funds have been spent. As of the date of this Order, Farmdale District has not filed its annual progress report for 2022, which was due July 7, 2022.

<u>FINDING</u>

Based on the record the Commission finds that it is appropriate to grant a 45-day extension for Farmdale District to file the QIIP within 45 days of service of this Order. The Commission, on its own motion, finds that an extension for the annual progress report, to be filed within 45 days service of this Order is also appropriate. The Commission is

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unable to make findings regarding the August 2, 2022 motion for expenditure of surcharge funds without further information, and will review the motion again once the QIIP and annual progress report have been filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Farmdale District is granted an extension to file a Qualified infrastructure improvement plan. The QIIP shall be filed within 45 days of service of this Order.

2. Farmdale District is granted an extension to file the 2022 annual progress report. The annual progress report shall be filed within 45 days of service of this Order.

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