COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MARTIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR AN ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT CASE NO. 2021-00154

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<u>O R D E R</u>

On August 16, 2021, Martin County Concerned Citizens, Inc. (MCCC) filed a motion for continuance to reschedule the hearing scheduled for August 30-31, 2021. As grounds for the motion, MCCC claims that they intend to call Roger Colton as an expert witness and he is unavailable at that time. MCCC states that Roger Colton is a national expert in utility affordability and has prepared an affordability analysis and recommendations related to the rate case. On August 18, 2021, Martin County Water District (Martin District) filed a response to MCCC's motion stating that it has no objections to the motion, but requesting that the hearing be rescheduled to a date that is mutually convenient to all parties. The Commission finds that MCCC has shown good cause to reschedule the hearing, and finds that the August 30-31, 2021 hearing should be rescheduled for September 24, 2021, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The Commission expects counsel for MCCC and Martin District to appear in-person for the hearing. Because of health concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Commission finds that public comments accepted at the beginning of the hearing shall be conducted virtually, by video or telephonic means. Instructions for telephonic/virtual comments will be posted on the

PSC website, psc.ky.gov, prior to the beginning of the hearing. Written comments may be provided to the Commission at any time.

Further, the Commission finds that Martin District and MCCC shall file with the Commission any expert witness direct testimony on or before September 6, 2021, and any rebuttal testimony on or before September 16, 2021. Any party providing expert witness testimony shall make its expert witness available for cross-examination at the hearing scheduled in this matter. Finally, all parties should prepare a witness list and a proposed order of witnesses to appear and file that with the Commission on or before September 16, 2021. Each party's witness list shall indicate whether each witness will be appearing in-person or remotely. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

2. The hearing in this matter shall be rescheduled to September 24, 2021 at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Commission Staff counsel will contact parties to provide information on witnesses participating via video conferencing technology.

3. Martin District shall give notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov;" and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those

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wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time the notice is mailed or publication is requested, Martin District shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

4. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.

Any expert witness direct testimony shall be filed on or before September
6, 2021.

6. Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before September 16, 2021.

7. The parties to this matter shall provide a witness list and a proposed order of witnesses to appear on or before September 16, 2021. Each party's witness list shall indicate whether each witness will be appearing in-person or remotely.

8. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission.

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

By the Commission



ATTEST:

Bidwell

Executive Director

Case No. 2021-00154

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2021-00154 DATED AUG 26 2021

Expert direct testimony shall be filed no later than	09/06/2021
Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed no later than	09/16/2021
All witnesses and a proposed order of witnesses shall be filed by all parties no later than	09/16/2021
The hearing in this matter shall take place on	09/24/2021

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