

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED WATER)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF SHARPSBURG)	2021-00384
WATER DISTRICT)	

ORDER

On October 14, 2021, Sharpsburg Water District (Sharpsburg District) applied for approval to adjust its rates pursuant to the purchased water adjustment procedure set forth in KRS 278.015 and 807 KAR 5:068.

LEGAL STANDARD

In accordance with KRS 278.015, when a wholesale supplier selling water to a water district increases its rates, the water district has the authority to increase its rate commensurate with the wholesale supplier. The water district must file a copy of the notice from the wholesale supplier showing the increase in the wholesale rate, and a statement of the volume of purchased water used. The Commission shall approve the filing by Order after the above documents are filed.

DISCUSSION

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that this matter should be dismissed because, as discussed below, the proposed rate change will not go into effect on the proposed effective date. As directed in KRS 278.015 and 807 KAR 5:068, the Commission is required to approve or deny the application for purchase water adjustment

no later than 30 days after the Commission accepts a utility's application for a rate adjustment based on a supplier's change in rates.¹

On October 20, 2021, the Commission issued an Order² suspending the city of Carlisle's (Carlisle) September 30, 2021 tariff filing proposing an adjustment to its wholesale water rate for five months from October 30, 2021, to March 30, 2022. The issue of adjusting the rates of Sharpsburg District is moot during the pendency of Case No. 2021-00382³ because the wholesale water rate at issue will remain the same while Carlisle's tariff is suspended, which will be longer than the 30 days allowed for Commissioner approval of a purchased water adjustment. Sharpsburg District's purchase water adjustment is commensurate with the proposed rate adjustment of Carlisle under consideration in Case No. 2021-00382.

FINDINGS

Having considered Sharpsburg District's proposed adjustment and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Due to the suspension of Carlisle's wholesale water rate adjustment, Sharpsburg District's application for approval to adjust its rates pursuant to the purchased water adjustment procedure should be dismissed.
2. Sharpsburg District's rates should remain the same as those currently in effect under the authority of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

¹ KRS 278.015; 807 KAR 5:068.

² Case No. 2021-00382, *Electronic Investigation Into Wholesale Water Rates Charged by the City of Carlisle to Sharpsburg Water District and Nicholas County Water District Pursuant to KRS 278.200, KRS 278.160, KRS 278.180, KRS 278.190 and 807 KAR 5:011* (Ky. PSC Oct. 20, 2021).

1. Sharpsburg District's application for approval to adjust its rates pursuant to the purchased water adjustment procedure is dismissed without prejudice.
2. Sharpsburg District's rates shall remain the same as those currently under effect under the authority of the Commission.
3. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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By the Commission

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