## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF JESSAMINE-SOUTH ELKHORN WATER DISTRICT REVISING ITS WASTEWATER TAP-ON CONNECTION FEES

CASE NO. 2022-00192

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On June 3, 2022, Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District (Jessamine-South Elkhorn District) filed with the Commission revised tariff sheets setting forth a proposed increase to its existing wastewater tap-on connection fees effective July 3, 2022, to pass through the increased fees that Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) have proposed to charge Jessamine-South Elkhorn District. Jessamine-South Elkhorn District has proposed to increase each tap-on connection fee by 8.3 percent, the same proposed percentage increase LFUCG proposed in its filing with the Commission. The Commission suspended LFUCG's tariff filing into Case No. 2022-00186.<sup>1</sup>

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. Having considered the proposed rate adjustments and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rate adjustments and that such an investigation cannot

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2022-00186, Electronic Tariff Filing of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Revising Its Monthly Sewer User Fee and Monthly Tap-On Connection Fees to Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District.

be completed by July 3, 2022. Pursuant to KRS 278.190, the Commission will, therefore, suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months, up to and including December 2, 2022.

The Commission directs Jessamine-South Elkhorn District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>2</sup> in which the Commission mandated the use of electronic filing procedures listed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. The Commission finds that electronic filing procedures shall be used, consistent with the filing procedures set forth in Case No. 2020-00085.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule may be established at a later date if necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of Jessamine-South Elkhorn District's proposed increase of its wastewater tap-on connection fees.

2. The proposed tariff is suspended for five months from July 3, 2022, up to and including December 2, 2022.

3. Jessamine-South Elkhorn District shall, by counsel, enter an appearance in this proceeding within seven days of the date of entry of this Order. The entry of appearance shall include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and electronic mail address of counsel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

4. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to service and electronic filing of papers shall be followed in this proceeding.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(9), within seven days of entry of this Order, Jessamine-South Elkhorn District shall file by electronic means a written statement that they waive any right to service of Commission Orders by United States mail and that they or their authorized agents possess the facilities to receive electronic submissions.

6. Unless a party granted leave to intervene states its objection to the use of electronic filing procedures in a motion for intervention, the party shall:

a. Be deemed to have consented to the use of electronic filing procedures and the service of all papers, including Orders of the Commission, by electronic means; and

b. Within seven days of the date of entry of an Order of the Commission granting intervention, file with the Commission a written statement that:

(1) It or its authorized agent possesses the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and

(2) Sets forth the electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding shall be served.

7. If a party objects to the use of electronic filing procedures and the Commission determines that good cause exists to excuse that party from the use of electronic filing procedures, service of documents on that party and by that party shall be made in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(8).

8. A procedural schedule may be established at a later date if necessary.

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9. All requests for intervention shall be filed no later than July 8, 2022.

10. 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 proceeding which 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. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise 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 utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding the potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

11. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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Vice Chairman

Commissioner



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