#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MORGAN)COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR THE)ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)CONSTRUCT A WATER SYSTEM)IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AN ORDER)AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES)PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS)278.020, KRS 278.300, AND 807 KAR 5:001)

CASE NO. 2022-00245

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

On August 9, 2022, Morgan County Water District (Morgan District) filed an application, pursuant to KRS 278.020 and KRS 278.300, requesting approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and authority to issue evidence of indebtedness.

KRS 278.300(2) provides that the Commission must adjudicate an application for authority to issue evidence of indebtedness within 60 days of the date that the application was filed. Here, 60 days after the date of filing is October 8, 2022. KRS 278.300(2) also provides that the Commission can continue its review of the application for longer than 60 days upon a showing of good cause.

Based upon a review of the application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary, and that the investigation cannot be completed by October 8, 2022, because Commission staff needs additional time to fully investigate and develop record so that the Commission has sufficient information to render an informed decision in this

case. For that reason, the Commission finds that good cause exists to continue the application beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2) so that the Commission can conduct a thorough review of the proposed transaction.

The Commission also finds that a procedural schedule is established for the orderly processing of this case. A procedural schedule is set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Morgan District's application is continued beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).

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

3. 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. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.

4. 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 that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</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 the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

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 that 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 a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after filed 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.

5. Morgan District shall give notice of any scheduled hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). 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 wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listing on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Morgan District shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

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

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8. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

9. Nothing contained in this Order shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Chairman

Vice Chairman



ATTEST:

Induced

**Executive Director** 

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### APPENDIX

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00245 DATED SEP 02 2022

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted	09/06/2022
All initial requests for information to Morgan District shall be filed no later than	. 09/09/2022
Morgan District shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than	09/23/2022
All supplemental requests for information to Morgan District shall be filed no later than	. 10/14/2022
Morgan District shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	10/28/2022
Last day for Parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a request for the matter be decided based upon the written record	. 10/31/2022

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