

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MOUNTAIN)	CASE NO.
WATER DISTRICT FOR A GENERAL)	2022-00366
ADJUSTMENT OF WATER RATES)	

ORDER

On March 3, 2023, Mountain Water District (Mountain District) moved for an extension of time until March 20, 2023, to file its response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request). In anticipation of Mountain District's application, Commission Staff propounded Staff's First Request on November 18, 2022. The information requested was "due on or before either 14 days after submission of the rate application or 21 days after the date of this request, whichever is later."¹ Mountain District submitted its application on February 18, 2023. Fourteen days after February 18, 2023 fell on Saturday, March 4, 2023, so by operation of 807 KAR 5:001E, Section 4(7)(b), Mountain District's response to Staff's First Request would be due on March 6, 2023.

In support of its motion, Mountain District stated that its personnel had worked diligently to prepare its response to Staff's First Request, but additional time was needed because Mountain District had devoted much of its time and resources to preparing the application in this proceeding as well as in Case No. 2022-00367.² To further exacerbate

¹ Staff's First Request (Ky. PSC Nov. 18, 2022) at 1.

² Case No. 2022-00367, *Electronic Application of Mountain Water District for a General Adjustment of Sewer Rates*.

matters, Mountain District stated that many of the staff responsible for preparing the utility's responses to Staff's First Request had recently suffered illnesses that limited the amount of time they could devote to preparing those responses.

The Commission ordered Mountain District to file an application for an adjustment in its base rates by December 28, 2022, in Case No. 2021-00412.³ In that case, Mountain District moved for, and the Commission granted, two motions for an extension of time.⁴ The Commission noted that Mountain District's staff do not have previous experience preparing a general rate adjustment.⁵ Mountain District not only prepared one general rate adjustment application; it prepared two, one to adjust its water rates and one to adjust its sewer rates. Additionally, Mountain District is required to respond to Staff's First Request, which includes 37 specific requests for information, not counting subparts.

In light of the short extension requested by Mountain District, the Commission finds good cause to grant Mountain District's motion for an extension of time. The Commission finds that Mountain District should have until March 20, 2023, to file its response to Staff's First Request.

³ Case No. 2021-00412, *Electronic Application of Mountain Water District to Issue Securities in the Approximate Principal Amount of \$5,930,000 for the Purpose of Refinancing Certain Outstanding Obligations of the District Pursuant to the Provisions of KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001* (Ky. PSC Dec. 13, 2021) at 9, ordering paragraph 5.

⁴ Case No. 2021-00412, *Electronic Application of Mountain Water District to Issue Securities in the Approximate Principal Amount of \$5,930,000 for the Purpose of Refinancing Certain Outstanding Obligations of the District Pursuant to the Provisions of KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001* (Ky. PSC Dec. 20, 2022, and Feb. 24, 2023).

⁵ Case No. 2021-00412, *Electronic Application of Mountain Water District to Issue Securities in the Approximate Principal Amount of \$5,930,000 for the Purpose of Refinancing Certain Outstanding Obligations of the District Pursuant to the Provisions of KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001* (Ky. PSC Feb. 24, 2023) at 2.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Mountain District's motion for an extension of time to file its response to Staff's First Request is granted.

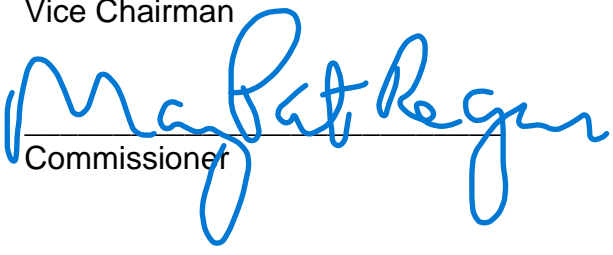
2. Mountain District shall file its response to Staff's First Request on or before March 20, 2023.

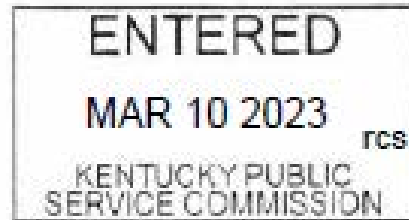
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