COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTH)	CASE NO.
MANCHESTER WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.)	2023-00183
FOR AN ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT)	

<u>ORDER</u>

On September 15, 2023, North Manchester Water Association, Inc. (North Manchester Water), filed a petition, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for an indefinite period for documents provided in response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 4.

In support of its petition, North Manchester Water argued that the information provided in its response to Staff's First Request, Item 4 contains salary and personal identification information that if disclosed would create an unwarranted invasion of the employees' personal privacy pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(a). North Manchester Water argued that the public disclosure of this information does not outweigh the legitimate privacy interests of the affected non-executive employees.

Having considered the petition and the material at issue, the Commission finds North Manchester Water's response to Staff's First Request, Item 4 contains information that is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary because it is salary and wage information of non-executive employees; it therefore meets the criteria for confidential treatment and should be exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001,

Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(a). Compensation information is of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. North Manchester Water's petition for confidential treatment is granted.
- 2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period or until further Order of this Commission.
- 3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
- 4. North Manchester Water shall inform the Commission if the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment.
- 5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, North Manchester Water shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If North Manchester Water is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.
- 6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no

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longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow North Manchester Water to
seek a remedy afforded by law.
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