COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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

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

On July 6, 2023, North Manchester Water Association, Inc. (North Manchester Water) filed¹ an application with the Commission, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, requesting an adjustment to its water rates.² The Commission established an initial procedural schedule that was subsequently amended after North Manchester Water requested an extension of time to respond to Commission Staff's First Request for Information.³ The procedural schedule was amended a second time to allow Commission Staff to conduct a Field Review.⁴ The procedural schedule was amended a shird time due to scheduling

¹ North Manchester Water tendered its application on June 1, 2023. By letter dated June 12, 2023, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies. North Manchester Water tendered its application a second time on June 22, 2023. By letter dated June 26, 2023, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies a second time. The deficiencies were subsequently cured, and the application is deemed filed on July 6, 2023.

² Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(2), if the Commission has not issued an order after six months from the date an alternative rate filing application is deemed filed, the utility may place the proposed rates into effect, subject to refund, pending the Commission's order upon filing written notice with the Commission of its intent to do so. Otherwise, an applicant using the alternative rate filing procedure may not place the proposed rates into effect until the Commission has issued an order approving the rates. 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1).

³ See Order (Ky. PSC July 31, 2023) (establishing the procedural schedule in this matter); Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 12, 2023) (amending the procedural schedule pursuant to North Manchester Water's Request for Extension).

⁴ See Order (Ky. PSC Oct. 6, 2023).

conflicts leading to a need for increased time to file Commission Staff's Report.⁵ The procedural schedule, as amended, required Commission Staff's Report, prepared pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, to be filed on or before January 5, 2024, and required any written comments or objections to Commission Staff's Report to be filed within 14 days of its service.

Due to numerous Commission Staff scheduling conflicts, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule established on December 13, 2023, should be amended to afford Commission Staff additional time to prepare and file the Commission Staff's Report. Specifically, the Commission finds that the date for filing the Commission Staff's Report should be extended to January 12, 2024.

After Commission Staff's Report is filed on or before the amended deadline of January 12, 2024, North Manchester Water will have 14 days to file a written response to Commission Staff's Report.⁶ If North Manchester Water does not file written objections to a finding contained in Commission Staff's Report within 14 days after the date of the filing of Commission Staff's Report, it shall be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding.⁷

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule established on July 31, 2023, and amended on September 12, 2023, October 6, 2023, and December 13, 2023, is amended.

2. Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than January 12, 2024.

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 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ See Order (Ky. PSC Dec. 13, 2023).

⁶ 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(a).

⁷ 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(c).

3. North Manchester Water shall file its written response, if any, to Commission Staff's Report within 14 days of the filing of the Commission Staff's Report.

4. All provisions of the Commission's July 31, 2023, September 12, 2023, October 6, 2023, and December 13, 2023 Order that are not in conflict with this Order remain in effect.

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