COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN)WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR IMMEDIATE)IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 RATES)APPROVED IN CASE NO. 2022-00099)

CASE NO. 2023-00227

On July 11, 2023, Southern Water and Sewer District (Southern District) filed an application, pursuant to KRS 278.300, requesting authorization to implement Phase 2 of a rate increase earlier than the date established in Case No. 2022-00099.¹ In Case No. 2022-00099, the Commission approved a rate increase that was to be implemented in two phases, with Phase 1 in effect on January 1, 2023, and Phase 2 in effect on January 1, 2024. As a basis for its request, Southern District explained that it experienced significant increases in operating expenses and that the increased costs have resulted in Southern District having difficulty meeting its financial obligations.² For that reason, Southern District requested that the Phase 2 rates be implemented as soon as possible.³

The Commission issued an Order on July 25, 2023, granting Southern District leave to implement the Phase 2 rates sooner than January 1, 2024. However, Southern District was ordered not to place Phase 2 rates into effect until 20 days after it notified its

¹ Case No. 2022-00099 *Electronic Application of Southern Water and Sewer District for an Alternative Rate Adjustment* (Ky. PSC Dec. 20, 2022).

² Application (filed July 11, 2023) at 2.

³ Application at 2-3.

customers.⁴ The case remained open at that time to allow for Southern District to file proof of its customer notice of implementation of Phase 2 rates and in order for Commission Staff to issue any further Requests for Information if necessary.⁵

On August 7, 2023, Southern District filed proof that it provided notice to its customers on August 2, 2023, of the implementation of the Phase 2 rates. The Commission finds that no further information is required from Southern District in relation to its request to implement the Phase 2 rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case is closed and removed from the Commission's Docket.

⁴ Order (Ky. PSC July 25, 2023) at 2.

⁵ Order (Ky. PSC July 25, 2023) at ordering paragraphs 7-8.

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