## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SOUTH	)	
WOODFORD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR	)	
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN	)	
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE	)	CASE NO.
KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY	)	2023-00322
AND A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	)	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR	)	
CERTAIN SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	)	

## ORDER

On February 5, 2024, South Woodford Water District (South Woodford District) filed an application requesting Commission approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), pursuant to KRS 278.020, and authority to issue evidence of indebtedness, pursuant to KRS 278.300.

KRS 278.300(2) provides that the Commission must adjudicate an application for authority to issue an evidence of indebtedness within 60 days of the date that the application was filed. 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 is necessary to determine the reasonable necessity and appropriateness of the request, and that the investigation cannot be completed by April 5, 2024, due to the initial delay of the application being found deficient for filing and the size of the meter replacement project. 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.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this case. The procedural schedule is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

Additionally, any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

In addition, South Woodford District shall file on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule its responses to the Commission Staff's Request for Information, attached to this Order as Appendix B, and shall respond to any future requests for information propounded by Commission Staff by the date or dates set forth on any such requests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission will use its best efforts to meet the time sensitive date, but it cannot be guaranteed.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. South Woodford District's application for approval of the proposed evidence of indebtedness is continued beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).
- 2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order shall be followed.
- 3. On or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule, South Woodford District shall file its responses to the Commission Staff's Request for Information, attached to this Order as Appendix B.
- 4. South Woodford District shall respond to any additional requests for information propounded by Commission Staff as provided in those requests.
- 5. 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>2</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.
- 6. 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 facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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).

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.

- 7. Any motion to intervene 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.
- 8. South Woodford 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 statements: "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, South Woodford District shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.
- 9. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
- 10. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the

hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

- 11. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.
- 12. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.
- 13. 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.
- 14. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissione)

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

## APPENDIX A

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2023-00322 DATED FEB 13 2024

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted	. 02/16/2024
All initial requests for information to South Woodford District shall be filed no later than	. 02/19/2024
South Woodford District shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than	. 02/26/2024
Last day for parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a request for the matter be decided based upon the written record	. 02/28/2024

#### APPENDIX B

## APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2023-00322 DATED FEB 13 2024

## COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO SOUTH WOODFORD WATER DISTRICT

South Woodford Water District (South Woodford District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on February 26, 2024. The Commission directs South Woodford District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>3</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

South Woodford District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if South Woodford District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or

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incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which South Woodford District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, South Woodford District shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, South Woodford District shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

- 1. State the date on which Mr. Barry Drury resigned.
- 2. State the date that Mr. David W. Hudson was appointed to the Board of Commissioners.
- 3. State if there are any other unfilled seats on the Board of Commissioners for the South Woodford District and the date those seats became vacant.
- 4. State the estimated cost of repairing the pump station located near the intersection of Kentucky Highway 33 and Kentucky Highway 2113.
  - 5. State the estimated useful life of the current pump station, if repaired.
- 6. State the reasoning for replacing the pump station instead of repairing the pump station.

- 7. State when South Woodford District anticipates building the water storage tank that is referenced in paragraph 30 of the Application.
- 8. State if South Woodford District intends to seek a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the water storage tank.
- 9. State if South Woodford District intends to use the excess amount of the KIA loan funds that exceed the amount of this proposed project and if so on what projects.
  - 10. Provide the total cost of the other meters considered besides iPerl.
- 11. State if South Woodford District considered any alternative to AMR meters, such as manually read meters, Advanced Metering Infrastructure.
- 12. State if the AMR meters was the least cost alternative and if not, why did South Woodford District select the AMR meters.

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