## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MUHLENBERG	)	
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #3 FOR AN	)	CASE NO.
ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT	)	2023-00400
TO 807 KAR 5:076	)	

### ORDER

On December 20, 2023,<sup>1</sup> Muhlenberg County Water District #3 (Muhlenberg District #3) filed its alternative rate filing application with the Commission requesting an adjustment to its water rates pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076.<sup>2</sup> The Commission established a procedural schedule by Order dated January 9, 2024, that, among other things, requires Commission Staff to file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report (Commission's Staff Report) containing its findings and recommendations regarding Muhlenberg District #3's requested water rate adjustment, no later than April 11, 2024.

Due to the need of additional information, as evidenced by the attached subsequent request for information, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule established on January 9, 2024, should be amended to afford

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Muhlenberg District #3 tendered its application on December 12, 2023. By letter dated December 14, 2023, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies. The deficiencies were subsequently cured, and the application is deemed filed on December 20, 2023.

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

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 May 16, 2024. In addition, Muhlenberg District #3 shall file on or before the date set forth in this amended procedural schedule its responses to the Commission Staff's Third Request for Information, attached as an Appendix to this Order.

After Commission Staff's Report is filed, Muhlenberg District #3 will have 14 days to file any written response or objections to the Commission Staff Report.<sup>3</sup> If Muhlenberg District #3 does not timely file written objections to the Commission Staff Report, any such objections will be deemed waived.<sup>4</sup>

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule established on January 9, 2024, is hereby amended.
- 2. On or before April 24, 2024, Muhlenberg District #3 shall file its responses to the Commission Staff's Third Request for Information, attached to this Order.
  - 3. The Commission Staff Report shall be filed no later than May 16, 2024.
- 4. Muhlenberg District #3 shall file its written response, if any, to Commission Staff's Report within 14 days of the filing of the Commission Staff's Report.
- 5. All provisions of the Commission's January 9, 2024 Order that are in conflict with the provisions of this Order are vacated, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this Order shall remain in effect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(c).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

**ENTERED** 

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SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

#### **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2023-00400 DATED APR 11 2024

# COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO MUHLENBERG COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #3

Muhlenberg County Water District #3 (Muhlenberg District #3), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on April 24, 2024. The Commission directs Muhlenberg District #3 to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>5</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.

Muhlenberg District #3 shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Muhlenberg District #3 obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</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).

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

For any request to which Muhlenberg District #3 fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Muhlenberg District #3 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, Muhlenberg District #3 shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

- 1. Refer to Muhlenberg District #3's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 15, 15\_Nonrecurring\_Charges.xlsx. Provide the actual bank fees that Muhlenberg District #3's is charged when a deposited check is returned for insufficient funds.
- 2. Refer to the Application, Schedule of Adjusted Operations. Provide a list of the items that make up the \$11,481 of Other Water Revenue during the Test Year.
- 3. Refer to Muhlenberg District #3's response to Staff's First Request, Item 1c, 1c\_Cross\_Reference.xlsx. Describe the source of the \$18,403 in Extraordinary Income removed from the Test Year Other Water Revenues and why it was removed.

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