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, 2023,¹ 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 5:076.² 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 Staff's Report) containing its findings and recommendations regarding Muhlenberg District #3's requested water rate adjustment, no later than April 11, 2024.³ The procedural schedule was amended by Order dated April 11, 2024.⁴

¹ 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.

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, the application is deemed filed and 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 Order (Ky. PSC Jan. 9, 2024).

⁴ Order (Ky. PSC Apr. 11, 2024).

Due to numerous Commission Staff scheduling conflicts, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule established on January 9, 2024 and amended on April 11, 2024, 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 May 30, 2024.

After Commission Staff's Report is filed on or before the amended deadline of May 30, 2024, Muhlenberg District #3 will have 14 days to file a written response to Commission Staff's Report.⁵ If Muhlenberg District #3 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.⁶

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule established on January 9, 2024, and amended on April 11, 2024, is amended.
 - 2. Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than May 30, 2024.
- 3. 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.
- 4. All provisions of the Commission's January 9, 2024 Order, as amended by the April 11, 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.

⁵ 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(a).

⁶ 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(c).

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