

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC FILING OF BLACK MOUNTAIN)	
WATER DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER)	CASE NO.
LOSS REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND)	2023-00202
MONITORING)	

ORDER

On July 24, 2024, Black Mountain Water District (Black Mountain District) filed a motion for approval to expend water loss surcharge funds to purchase an AQUA TEST 10-SDR leak detector in the amount of \$5,200.

BACKGROUND

By Order issued October 9, 2023, in Case No. 2022-00275¹ the Commission approved an unaccounted-for water loss reduction surcharge for Black Mountain District and ordered Black Mountain District to file a Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Plan (QIIP) with the Commission. The Commission opened this proceeding to monitor Black Mountain District's surcharge billings, collection, deposits, and expenditures.

On February 1, 2024, Black Mountain District filed a proposed QIIP. On April 22, 2024, Black Mountain District further filed a request for approval to expend water loss surcharge funds for leak repairs performed at Dayhoit Creek, Camp Creek, and Brooks Street, as well as the purchase of a leak detector. By Order issued May 30, 2024, the Commission approved the purchase of an AQUASCOPE leak detector in the amount of

¹ Case No. 2022-00275, *Electronic Application of Black Mountain Utility District for a Rate Adjustment Pursuant To 807 KAR 5:076* (Ky. PSC Oct. 9, 2023).

\$2,800. Black Mountain District's July 24, 2024 motion requested approval for the purchase of an alternate leak detector.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Black Mountain District's April 22, 2024 request for approval for the purchase of an AQUASCOPE leak detector stated the device would enable it to continue locating leaks in order to repair the system and lower its water loss.² In the July 24, 2024 motion, Black Mountain District stated that the AQUASCOPE leak detector previously approved has been discontinued and was no longer available for purchase; therefore, it requested approval to instead purchase an AQUA TEST 10-SDR Water Leak Detector in the amount of \$5,200 to assist with leak detection efforts.³

The Commission finds that, given the fact that the previously approved leak detector is no longer available for purchase, the request to expend funds from the water loss surcharge account for the purchase of an AQUA TEST 10-SDR Water Leak Detector in the amount of \$5,200, should be approved. The purchase of the AQUA TEST 10-SDR Water Leak Detector will fulfill the same goal of assistance in finding water leaks and reducing water loss, and therefore the expenditure of \$5,200 from the water loss surcharge for this purpose should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Black Mountain District's request to purchase the AQUA TEST 10-SDR Water Leak Detector in the amount of \$5,200 from the water loss surcharge funds is approved.

² Black Mountain District's Motion to Use Surcharge Proceeds (filed Apr. 22, 2024).


³ Black Mountain District's Motion to Use Surcharge Proceeds (filed July 24, 2024).

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