

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MORGAN)	CASE NO.
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE)	2024-00010
ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)	

ORDER

On August 15, 2024, Morgan County Water District (Morgan District) filed a motion for deviation pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22 requesting a deviation from the Commission's July 26, 2024 Order granting Morgan District's motion for emergency rates and authorizing Morgan District to place into effect an interim base rate increase, subject to refund on and after July 26, 2024.

LEGAL STANDARD

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22 allows the Commission to grant a deviation from the regulations for good cause shown.

MOTION

In its motion, Morgan District requested authorization to place the interim base rate into effect on and after August 16, 2024, subject to refund.¹ As grounds for the motion, Morgan District stated that it is unable to prorate the bills with its current billing system.² Morgan District further stated that August 16, 2024, was the first date that it could apply the emergency rate to a full billing period and that it was restricted by the limits of its billing

¹ Morgan District's Motion for Deviation (Deviation Motion) (filed Aug. 15, 2024) at 1.

² Deviation Motion at 1.

system.³ Morgan District also argued that, in the event refunds were to be ordered, implementing the interim rates for a full billing cycle would simplify the refund calculations.⁴

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Morgan District's motion for a deviation should be granted. Morgan District was unable to implement the emergency interim base rate increase effective July 26, 2024, because the current billing system will not allow it to prorate the bills. August 16, 2024, is the first date that Morgan District could apply the emergency rates. Therefore, the Commission finds that Morgan District's emergency interim base rate increase should be effective on and after August 16, 2024, subject to refund.

The Commission also notes that Morgan District filed updated tariffs on August 15, 2024, that contained clerical errors. The rates were incorrect under the "Next 3,000 gallons" rate under the 5/8-inch meter rate schedule and the "Over 15,000 gallons" rate under the 2-inch meter rate schedule. The Commission finds that Morgan District should file corrected, updated tariffs consistent with the Commission's July 26, 2024 Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Morgan District's motion for deviation is granted.
2. Morgan District is authorized to place into effect the interim base rate increase, subject to refund, on and after August 16, 2024, or starting with the next full billing cycle.

³ Deviation Motion at 1.

⁴ Deviation Motion at 1.

3. Morgan District shall file corrected, updated tariffs consistent with the rates from the Commission's July 26, 2024 Order.

4. Morgan District shall maintain its records in such a manner as will enable it, or the Commission, or any of Morgan District's customers, to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom any refund is due in the event that a refund of any portion of the interim base rate increase is ordered by the Commission.

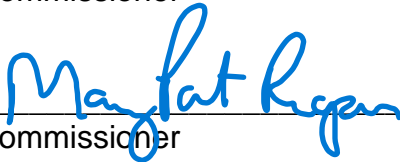
5. Should Morgan District fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this Order, any and all amounts collected as a result of the interim base rate increase granted hereunder shall be subject to refund, and both Morgan District and its Board shall be subject to all applicable penalties under KRS 2780.99.

6. All other provisions of the Commission's July 26, 2024 Order, not in conflict with this order, shall remain in full force and effect.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

Commissioner


Commissioner

Commissioner John Will Stacy did not participate in the deliberations or decision concerning this case.

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