

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SIMPSON)	CASE NO.
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE)	2024-00068
ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)	

ORDER

On March 21, 2024, Simpson County Water District (Simpson District) filed its application with the Commission, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, requesting an adjustment to its water rates.¹ The Commission established a procedural schedule by Order dated April 9, 2024, that, among other things, required 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 Simpson District’s requested water rate adjustment, no later than July 25, 2024.

Due to the need for a supplemental request for information, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule, established on April 9, 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 September 9, 2024.

¹ 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).

After Commission Staff's Report is filed on or before the amended deadline of September 9, 2024, Simpson District will have 14 days to file a written response to Commission Staff's Report.² If Simpson District 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.³

In addition, Simpson District shall file on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule its response to the Commission Staff's request for information, attached to the Order as Appendix B.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule established on April 9, 2024, is amended.
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, Simpson District shall file its responses to the Commission Staff's request for information, attached to the Order as Appendix B.
4. Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than September 9, 2024.
5. Simpson District shall file its written response, if any, to Commission Staff's Report within 14 days of the filing of the Commission Staff's Report.
6. All provisions of the Commission's April 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.

² 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(a).

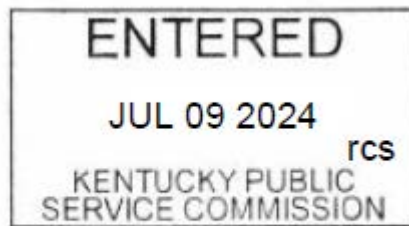
³ 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(c).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner



ATTEST:

Linda C. Bridwell

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00068 DATED JUL 09 2024

Simpson District shall file responses to request for
information no later than..... 07/22/2024

Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than..... 09/09/2024

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00068 DATED JUL 09 2024

COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO SIMPSON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Simpson County Water District (Simpson 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 July 22, 2024. The Commission directs Simpson District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085⁴ 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.

⁴ 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).

Simpson District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Simpson District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Simpson District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Simpson 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, Simpson 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. Refer to the replacement file for Simpson District's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 5, 5_Simpson_County_Rate_Model.xlsx, Dep Adj tab, Cell J20. Provide the calculations Simpson District used to determine the \$41,654 adjustment amount.

2. Refer to Simpson District's response to Staff's First Request, Item 16, 16_Depreciation.xlsx.

a. Specify which of the 5/8" meters on the Excel spreadsheet are Badger M25 meters.

b. Specify the manufacturer of each type of meter on the Excel spreadsheet.

c. Identify if any of the Badger meters are still under warranty and if so, explain any warranty benefits and policies.

d. State the number and age of any 5/8 meters that are not the Badger M25 meters in use by Simpson District.

3. For all non-Badger meters, explain whether Simpson District believes that a 20-year service life is still appropriate. If not, explain why not and identify what service life is more appropriate.

4. State whether Simpson District believes that setting all meters at a 15-year useful life in a depreciation schedule would be reasonable. If not, explain why not.

5. Provide the failure rate for all non-Badger meters, including the inputs used to determine the calculation.

6. Explain what Simpson District's plan is for replacing failing meters.

7. State whether Simpson District plans to replace any failing meters with upgraded metering technology. If so, explain what those plans are.

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