

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SANDY HOOK	)	CASE NO.
WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE ADJUSTMENT	)	2024-00196
PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076	)	

ORDER

On August 30, 2024, Sandy Hook Water District (Sandy Hook District) filed an application with the Commission, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, requesting an adjustment to its water rates.<sup>1</sup> The Commission established a procedural schedule by Order dated September 23, 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 Sandy Hook District’s requested water rate adjustment, no later than January 21, 2025.

To gather the necessary information to prepare the Commission Staff’s Report and prepare the record for consideration by the Commission, Commission Staff propounded two sets of data requests to Sandy Hook District. In response, Sandy Hook District provided substantive responses to portions of the data requests but was unable to respond to other portions. Due to Sandy Hook District’s inability to obtain and provide certain information in response to Commission Staff’s data requests in a timely fashion

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<sup>1</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, 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).

as well as the possible need for a subsequent request for information, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule established on September 23, 2024, should be amended to afford Commission Staff the necessary time to request information, 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 March 21, 2025. The amended procedural schedule is attached as Appendix A.

In addition, Sandy Hook District shall respond fully to the Commission Staff's Third Request for Information attached as Appendix B by the date set forth in the amended procedural schedule and shall respond to any future requests for information propounded by Commission Staff by the date or dates set forth on any such requests.

After Commission Staff's Report is filed on or before the amended deadline of March 21, 2025, Sandy Hook District should have 14 days to file a written response to Commission Staff's Report.<sup>2</sup> If Sandy Hook 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.<sup>3</sup>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule established on September 23, 2024, is amended.
2. The amended procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix A to this Order shall be followed.
3. Commission Staff's Report shall be filed on or before March 21, 2025.

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<sup>2</sup> 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(a).

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

4. No later than 14 days after the date of service of the Commission Staff's Report, each party of record shall file with the Commission:

a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings contained in the Commission Staff's Report; and


b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

5. On or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule, Sandy Hook District shall file its responses to the Commission Staff's Third Request for Information, attached to this Order as Appendix B.

6. All provisions of the Commission's September 23, 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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

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APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00196 DATED DEC 16 2024

Requests for information to Sandy Hook District  
shall be filed no later than.....12/17/2024

Sandy Hook District shall file responses to Commission Staff's  
Third Request for information filed no later than..... 01/09/2025

All supplemental requests for information to Sandy  
Hook District shall be filed no later than..... 01/23/2025

Sandy Hook District shall file responses to supplemental  
requests for information filed no later than..... 02/06/2025

Commission Staff's Report shall be filed no later than..... 03/21/2025

## APPENDIX B

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00196 DATED DEC 16 2024

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO SANDY HOOK WATER DISTRICT

Sandy Hook Water District (Sandy Hook 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 January 9, 2025. The Commission directs Sandy Hook District to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>4</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. Sandy Hook District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Sandy Hook District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete

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<sup>4</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).

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

For any request to which Sandy Hook District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Sandy Hook 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, Sandy Hook 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 Sandy Hook District's response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information (Staff's Second Request), Item 1. Sandy Hook District states it "is having difficulty obtaining reconciliation documentation from their auditor of the General Ledger Accounts with the Annual Report that was filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission."

a. State whether Sandy Hook District expects to be able to obtain the requested documentation.

b. If Sandy Hook District expects to obtain the requested documentation, provide the expected date of the filing.

c. Provide an explanation for why Sandy Hook District is unable to provide the requested information itself and, therefore, has to rely on its auditor to provide details of its own financial situation.

2. Refer to Sandy Hook District's response to Staff's Second Request, Items 3a, 3b, and 4a, referencing "Question 1, Item 1c".

a. Confirm the reference to "Question 1, Item 1c" is referencing Sandy Hook District's attempt to obtain the documentation from its auditor.

b. If not confirmed, explain what the reference to "Question 1, Item 1c" is referring to.

c. Confirm that Sandy Hook District will respond to the requests in Staff's Second Request once it obtains the documentation from its auditor. If not confirmed, explain why not.



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