COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTH)CASE NO.NELSON WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE)2024-00234ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter arises upon North Nelson Water District's (North Nelson District)

acceptance of Commission Staff's recommendation regarding implementation of two new

non-recurring charges. On December 18, 2024, North Nelson District filed with the

Commission its comments in response to Commission Staff's December 10, 2024 report

(Commission Staff's Report) accepting new non-recurring charge amounts.

LEGAL STANDARD

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(f), states:

If commission staff reports that the applicant's financial condition supports a higher rate than the applicant proposed or commission staff recommends the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in the application and commission staff's proposed rates produce a total increase in revenues that exceeds 110 percent of the total increase in revenues that the applicant's proposed rates will produce and the applicant amends its application to request commission staff's proposed rates, the commission shall order the applicant to provide notice of the finding or recommendation to its customers.

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), provides that an application

for an alternative rate adjustment (ARF) may not place the proposed rates into effect until

the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of filing an application.

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(5), provides that amendment of an application shall not relate back to the date of the filing of the original application unless the Commission orders otherwise.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

As an initial matter, when North Nelson District accepted Commission Staff's Report, North Nelson District accepted non-recurring charges that were not included in its initial application. Consistent with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(f), North Nelson District amended its application on December 18, 2024, when it accepted the new non-recurring charges proposed in the Commission Staff's Report. Moreover, the amended application does not relate back to the date original application was accepted for filing, thus North Nelson District should not place their amended proposed rates into effect until the Commission issues an Order approving the rates or June 18, 2025, which is six months from the date the application was amended, whichever comes first. ¹

Additionally, North Nelson District's amended application that includes the new non-recurring charges, requires re-notice, thus the Commission finds that North Nelson District should provide notice of the amended application to its customers. Within 14 days of the date of service of this Order, North Nelson District shall notify its customers of the amended rates by publishing notice of the amended proposed rates in a newspaper of general circulation in its territory or placing an insert in bills rendered to its customers. The customer notice shall contain the information set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

¹ 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. North Nelson District's amended application is accepted as filed as of December 18, 2024.

2. North Nelson District shall not place the proposed rates into effect until the Commission issues an Order approving the rates or six months from the date the application was amended, whichever comes first.

3. Within 14 days of the date of service of this Order, North Nelson District shall notify its customers of the implementation of the rates calculated in the Commission Staff's Report by publishing notice of the increase in a newspaper of general circulation in its territory or placing an insert in bills rendered to its customers. The customer notice shall contain the information set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

4. North Nelson District shall provide proof of publication of the notice to the Commission no later than 30 days from the service date of this Order.

5. If the Commission does not receive any written requests for intervention or a hearing in this matter within 30 days of publication of new rates, this case shall stand submitted to the Commission for a decision based upon the existing record.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Executive Director



APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00234 DATED JAN 30 2025

New Non-recurring ChargesReconnection Charge (After Hours)\$136.00Service Call/Investigation (After Hours)\$109.00

The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an Order approving these rates. This filing may be examined at the offices of North Nelson District located at 5555 Louisville Road P.O. Box 25 Cox's Creek, KY 40013, Kentucky; telephone (502) 348-8342.

Any person may examine this filing at the PSC located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the PSC website at <u>https://psc.ky.gov</u>; telephone (502) 564-3940. A copy of the PSC Commission Staff's Report can be found at the following address:

https://psc.ky.gov/pscscf/2024%20Cases/2024-00234//20241210_STAFF_REPORT.pdf

Any person may submit comments on the proposed request no later than 30 days after the date of publication of customer notice. Comments shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Comments may also be submitted by electronic mail to <u>psc.comment@ky.gov</u>. If the Commission does not receive any request for intervention or hearing in this matter within 30 days after the date of publication of this customer notice, the Commission will proceed to render a decision in the matter. *Colin Cissell General Manager North Nelson Water District 5555 Louisville Road P. O. Box 25 Cox's Creek, KY 40013

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