

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTHERN)	
KENTUCKY WATER DISTRICT FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	CASE NO.
NECESSITY AND APPROVAL OF FINANCING)	2025-00007
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEWPORT)	
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 1 AND)	
PHASE 2)	

ORDER

On February 2, 2025, Northern Kentucky Water District (Northern Kentucky District) filed an application,¹ seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to KRS 278.020 and requesting approval of the associated financing pursuant to KRS 278.300 for the construction of the Newport Water Main Replacement, Phase 1 and 2.² KRS 278.019 states that if a final order is not entered within eight months of the acceptance of the filing of an application, the application shall be deemed approved by the Commission. Northern Kentucky Water District requested that the Commission issue a final Order in this matter on or before April 8, 2025.³

KRS 278.300(2) provides that the Commission must adjudicate an application for authority to issue an evidence of indebtedness within 60 days of the date that the

¹ Northern Kentucky District tendered an application on January 21, 2025, that was rejected due to certain deficiencies. On February 2, 2025, Northern Kentucky District filed documents that cured the filing deficiencies and the application as deemed filed as of February 2, 2025.

² Application at 1.

³ Application at 1.

application was filed. KRS 278.300(2) also provides that the Commission can continue its review of the application for longer than 60 days upon a showing of good cause.

Based upon a review of the application, the Commission finds that an investigation longer than 60 days does not appear to be necessary to determine the reasonable necessity and appropriateness of the request, and that the investigation should be completed by April 3, 2025.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this case. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

Additionally, any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
2. Northern Kentucky District shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

3. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085⁴ regarding filings with the Commission.

4. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

5. Any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

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).

6. Northern Kentucky District shall give notice of any scheduled hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statements: “This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov” and “Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listing on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.” At the time publication is requested, Northern Kentucky District shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

7. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

8. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

9. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

10. Northern Kentucky District shall file a witness list at least seven days prior to the hearing date.

11. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

12. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

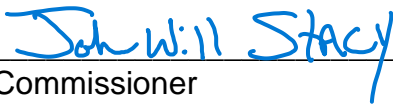
13. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:

 
Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00007 DATED FEB 07 2025

- Last day for intervention requests to be accepted..... 02/17/2025
- All initial requests for information to Northern Kentucky District
shall be filed no later than 02/18/2025
- Northern Kentucky District shall file responses to initial requests for
information no later than..... 02/25/2025
- All supplemental requests for information to Northern Kentucky District
shall be filed no later than 03/05/2025
- Northern Kentucky District shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 03/12/2025
- Last day for parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a
request for the matter be decided based upon the written record 03/19/2025

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