COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF GRAVES)CASE NO.COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE)2025-00060ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)

<u>ORDER</u>

On March 10, 2025, Graves County Water District (Graves District) tendered an application for an alternative rate adjustment pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076. A deficiency letter was issued on March 11, 2025. As noted in the deficiency letter, the application did not have a direct comparison between the current rate and final proposed rates, nor did it contain that information in the published notice for the requested increase. Instead, both items failed to mention the proposed total increase of 44.14 percent¹ but referenced an increase across a five-year phase-in period. On March 17² and March 18, 2025,³ Graves District attempted to cure its application deficiencies. In its amended filings Graves District provided an updated notice that included the proposed total increase of 44.14 percent to be implemented across a five-year phase-in period.

Having reviewed the application, the Commission finds that Graves District initially failed to publish or include in its application a calculation of rates using the proposed 44.14 percent increase but appears to have cured the deficiency as it relates to 807 KAR

¹ Application, Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

² Corrected ARF-Form 1, Corrected Customer Notice and Corrected Current and Proposed Rates (filed March 17, 2025).

³ Corrected ARF Form-1.

5:076, Section 5(4). The purpose of publication of notice required by 807 KAR 5:076 is to make customers aware of what the utility is requesting and the impact it may have on their bill. In the read first letter filed on March 17, 2025, Graves District stated that the corrected notice addressing the total rate increase would "be used for the remainder of the newspaper advertisements."⁴ Without a deviation, Graves District should publish notice in compliance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(2), which requires noticed be published for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. Graves District should tender current and proposed rates using the requested increase amount of 44.14 percent.⁵ In addition to resolving the other application deficiencies, Graves District's application will be deemed filed on the date of the first publication of a notice compliant with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(2).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Graves District shall publish notice of the 44.14 percent increase as required in 807 KAR 5:076, including Section 5(2), and provide proof of such in the record.

2. The application shall be deemed filed once all deficiencies have been resolved.

⁴ Read First Letter to Linda Bridwell (filed Mar. 17, 2025).

⁵ Graves District tendered corrected current and proposed rates (tendered Mar. 17, 2025).

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