

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
COLUMBIA/ADAIR UTILITIES DISTRICT FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	CASE NO.
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A SYSTEM)	2025-00394
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AN ORDER)	
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES)	
PURSUANT TO KRS 278.300)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO COLUMBIA/ADAIR UTILITIES DISTRICT

Columbia/Adair Utilities District (Columbia/Adair 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 19, 2026. The Commission directs Columbia/Adair District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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

¹ 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).

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.

Columbia/Adair District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Columbia/Adair 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 Columbia/Adair District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Columbia/Adair 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, Columbia/Adair 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 Application, Exhibit A, Public Necessity, Need and Alternatives.
 - a. Explain whether the proposed construction would result in any interruption of service to customers.

b. If interruption of service is expected, explain the extent, including number of interruptions, the duration of the interruptions and the estimated number of customers impacted.

c. Explain how the district would minimize any interruption of water service related to the project.

2. Refer to the Application, Exhibit A, generally providing a bullet point summary of the work that will be completed on the proposed project for which a CPCN is requested (Proposed Project) and describing the alternatives considered. Refer also to the Application, Exhibit J, providing the bid tabs for work under two separate contracts—Contract 1 – WWTP Improvements and Contract No. 2 – System Improvements.

a. Identify which contract identified in Exhibit J includes each item of work listed for the Proposed Project in Exhibit A.

b. Explain the requirement of the Kentucky Division of Water for a large wet well in more detail including what is specifically required and the basis for the requirement (i.e., is it something specifically required by regulation), required by Columbia/Adair District's permit, or required through some other mechanism.

c. Explain in more detail what portions of the Proposed Project are necessitated by the Kentucky Division of Water's requirement for a large wet well.

d. Explain whether the additional lift station considered as an alternative to modifying the Majestic Yacht lift station would have had the same remaining useful life when placed in service as the modified Majestic Yacht lift station will have when the modifications are complete and explain the response.

3. Refer to the Application, Exhibit J, providing, among other things, the bid tabulation charts for work under the two contracts, and the November 18, 2025 letters indicating that the winning bidders provided revised bids for a reduced scope of work. Refer also to the Application, Exhibit A, noting that the scope of the work was reduced due to the unavailability of funds.

a. Explain the reduced scope of work for Contract 1 discussed in the November 18, 2025 letter pertaining to Contract 1, and how Columbia/Adair District determined what work would be eliminated from the scope.

b. Explain the reduced scope of work for Contract 2 discussed in the November 18, 2025 letter pertaining to Contract 2, and how Columbia/Adair District determined what work would be eliminated from the scope.

c. Confirm that Columbia/Adair District is requesting a CPCN for the revised scope of work for Contract 1 in the amount of \$406,000, and if it cannot be confirmed, explain why it cannot be confirmed.

d. Confirm that Columbia/Adair District is requesting a CPCN for the revised scope of work for Contract 2 in the amount of \$1,872,172, and if it cannot be confirmed, explain why it cannot be confirmed.

4. Refer to the Application, PDF page 102, Exhibit J.

a. State whether the project was opened for bids again for all parties or were only presented to those that already had the lowest bid.

b. Provide an updated bid tabulation chart for Contract 1 using the revised bid amount of \$406,000.

c. If not provided in response to Item 3a of this Request, provide an itemized bid tabulation chart for Contract 1, like that provided as part What of Exhibit J for Contract 2, using the revised bid amount of \$406,000.

d. For each item included in the chart, provide the following:

- (1) The NARUC depreciation life;
- (2) The expected date the property will be placed in service; and
- (3) The date when the first full year of depreciation is expected

for each item listed in the exhibit.

5. Refer to the Application, PDF page 106, Exhibit J.

a. State whether the project was opened for bids again for all parties or were only presented to those that already had the lowest bid.

b. Provide an updated itemized bid tabulation chart for Contract 2 using the revised bid amount of \$1,872,176.

c. For each item included in the chart, provide the following:

- (1) The NARUC depreciation life;
- (2) The expected date the property will be placed in service; and
- (3) The date when the first full year of depreciation is expected

for each item listed in the exhibit.

6. Refer to Application, Exhibit E, Estimated Annual Cost of Operation.

a. State the incremental operating and maintenance expenses of the project compared to Columbia/Adair District's currenting operating and maintenance expenses.

b. Explain whether the incremental annual operation and maintenance expense of any alternatives would be materially different than the incremental operation and maintenance expense of the Proposed Project.

7. State, individually, the need for the following components of the project:

a. Eliminating the Burkesville Road lift station;

b. Modifying the Majestic Yacht lift station;

c. Constructing a gravity line from the original lift station site to the Majestic Yacht lift station and then construct a force main from the Majestic Yacht lift station to the main interceptor sewer near the original lift station location;

d. Replacing 1 individual grinder pump with duplex style lift station and eliminating one existing individual grinder station; and

e. Replacing the grit removal system at the waste treatment plant.

8. Provide the remaining estimated useful life of the following:

a. Burkesville Road Lift Station.

b. The individual grinder pump that will be replaced with duplex style lift station.

c. The current grit removal system at the waste treatment plant.

9. Identify any alternatives that were considered regarding the duplex style lift station, and the new grit removal system.

10. State how bids were solicited, and if through publication, provide a copy of the publication.

11. State whether there were any other reasons, besides its submission of the lowest cost proposal, that were considered in the selection of NAC Heavy Highway, Inc.,

Lexington, Kentucky, or Cumberland Pipeline, LLC, Columbia, Kentucky, as the contractor for the respective bids.

12. Provide the anticipated journal entries using the Uniform System of Accounts (USoA) Account Numbers to record the financing transactions.

13. Provide the anticipated journal entries by USoA Account Numbers to record the construction completion transactions.

14. Provide the current net book value for any assets being replaced.

15. State whether Columbia/Adair District expects to file for a rate increase to account for the annual operating/maintenance expense, depreciation expense, and debt service changes from the project proposed in this case and provide an explanation for this decision. If Columbia/Adair District does expect to file a rate increase, provide the expected timeline for the filing.

16. Provide the WRIS project profile numbers for these projects.



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