

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF CUMBERLAND)	
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	CASE NO.
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A WATER)	2026-00082
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AN)	
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF)	
SECURITIES PURSUANT TO KRS 278.300)	

ORDER

On April 14, 2026,¹ Cumberland County Water District (Cumberland District) filed an application pursuant to KRS 278.020(1), KRS 278.300, and KAR 5:001, requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct a system improvements project and an order authorizing the issuance of securities to finance said project.

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this case. The procedural schedule is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

Cumberland District should file on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule its response to the Commission Staff's request for information, attached to this Order as Appendix B, and should respond to any future requests for information propounded by Commission Staff by the date or dates set forth on any such requests.

¹ Cumberland District tendered its application on April 10, 2026. By letter dated April 14, 2026, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies. The deficiencies were subsequently cured, and the application is deemed filed on April 14, 2026.

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 in the Richard Raff Hearing Room 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 Appendix A to this Order shall be followed.
2. On or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule, Cumberland District shall file its responses to the Commission Staff's request for information, attached to this Order as Appendix B.
3. Cumberland District shall respond to any additional requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.
4. 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. 2020-00085² regarding filings with the Commission.

5. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not otherwise adequately represented in the case, or (2) that 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 the potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

6. 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.

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

² 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).

8. 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.

9. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

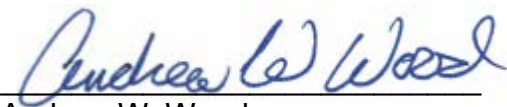
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Entered on this 30th day of April, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Angie Hatton
Chair

Mary Pat Regan
Commissioner

Andrew W. Wood
Commissioner

ATTEST:



Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2026-00082 DATED APR 30 2026

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted..... 05/06/2026

All initial requests for information to Cumberland District
shall be filed no later than 05/08/2026

Cumberland District shall file responses to initial requests for
information no later than..... 05/12/2026

All supplemental requests for information to Cumberland District
shall be filed no later than 05/20/2026

Cumberland District shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 05/26/2026

Last day for parties to request a public hearing or submit a
request for the matter to be decided based upon the written record 05/27/2026

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2026-00082 DATED APR 30 2026

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Cumberland County Water District (Cumberland 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 May 12, 2026. The Commission directs Cumberland District to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085³ 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.

Cumberland District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Cumberland District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or

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

For any request to which Cumberland District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Cumberland 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, Cumberland 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. Explain why Cumberland District requested an Order on or before June 5, 2026, and include a description of any consequences to Cumberland District if a final Order is not issued on or before the requested date.
2. Confirm that the existing booster pump station will be demolished as part of this project. If not confirmed, explain the response.
3. Explain why the rehabilitation of the existing booster pump station was not considered a viable alternative.
4. Provide the cost to repair the existing booster pump station. If Cumberland District did not inquire into the cost to repair the existing booster pump station, explain why not.

5. Explain if upgrades to the existing booster pump station would allow Cumberland District to shift the primary source of supply from the city of Albany (Albany) to the city of Burkesville (Burkesville).

6. Provide the number of gallons Cumberland District purchases from each wholesale provider.

7. Refer to the Application, Exhibit A. Provide the dates, number of instances, and reason for each instance Albany was unable to provide sufficient water to meet Cumberland District's demand.

8. Explain how Cumberland District was able to provide adequate water to its customers when Albany was unable to provide it with sufficient supply.

9. Explain whether Cumberland District addressed all wholesale demand issues with Albany. Provide copies of any written communication addressing wholesale demand issues.

10. State whether Cumberland District still plans to purchase wholesale water from Albany. Provide the number of gallons to be purchased per month from Albany.

11. Refer to the Application, Exhibit A. State whether customers on the higher elevation side of the suction side of the proposed booster pump station currently experience inadequate system pressure.

12. State the projected future customer growth of Cumberland District over the next ten years.

13. Confirm whether Burkesville would be capable of providing increased wholesale water to meet demand driven by future customer growth. If confirmed, explain how much additional water Burkesville is projected to be able to supply.

14. Explain if a triplex booster pump station would be required at a later time in the event of customer growth.

15. Explain whether the proposed duplex pump station could be upgraded to a triplex pump station in the future, if needed, due to customer growth.

16. State whether Cumberland District plans to seek a rate increase if granted the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).

17. Refer to the Application, Exhibit C, KIA Conditional Commitment Letter, Attachment A Conditions, item 4. Explain if Cumberland District would be required to make its first payment on June 1, 2026, if the Commission issued an Order prior to that date. If yes, explain if Cumberland District would be capable of making that payment. If no, provide the date the first payment would be due.

18. Refer to the Application, Exhibit C, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) Conditional Commitment Letter. The Conditional Commitment Letter is dated August 8, 2025. If available, provide an updated letter with any updated information.

19. Refer to the Application, Exhibit C, KIA Conditional Commitment Letter, Attachment A, Conditions, Item 4. Confirm if Cumberland District has begun to draw on the funds. If not confirmed, explain the response.

20. Refer to the Application, Exhibit C, KIA Conditional Commitment Letter and Attachment B, Executive Summary and Credit Analysis. The construction start date is stated to have occurred in January 2026.

a. Confirm if Cumberland District's construction of the project has begun. If confirmed, provide a specific start date. If not confirmed, provide the specific anticipated start date.

b. Provide the current projected completion date.

21. Refer to Cumberland District's most recent rate case, Case No. 2025-00226. In the final Order, Cumberland District began to recover through its rates the Depreciation Expense for the Joe Scott Ridge Booster Pump Station.⁴

a. Confirm the Joe Scott Ridge Booster Pump Station is the same project Cumberland District is seeking approval for in this case. If not confirmed, explain the response.

b. If confirmed, explain how Cumberland District plans to account for the depreciation for the assets that have not been placed in service yet.

22. Refer to Cumberland District's most recent rate case, Case No. 2025-00226. In the final Order, Cumberland District also began to recover the Debt Service Costs for the 2025 KIA loan for the Joe Scott Ridge Booster Pump Station.⁵

a. Confirm the 2025 KIA loan is the same loan Cumberland District is seeking approval for in this case. If not confirmed, explain the response.

b. Explain if Cumberland District has made a principal payment on its 2025 KIA loan yet.

⁴ Case No. 2025-00226, *Electronic Application of Cumberland County Water District for an Adjustment of Rates Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076*, (Ky. PSC Dec. 23, 2023), final Order, at 27.

⁵ Case No. 2025-00226, Dec. 23, 2023 final Order, at 31.

Service List for 2026-00082

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