

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SOUTH	)	CASE NO.
HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT FOR A RATE	)	2026-00193
ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076	)	

ORDER

On July 31, 2026, South Hopkins Water District (South Hopkins District) filed an application with the Commission seeking to adjust its rates pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076.¹ With its application, South Hopkins District filed a motion requesting deviation from the notice requirement in 807 KAR 5:0076, Section 5(2)(b)(3).²

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(2)(b)(3) requires that notice to customers be published in a local newspaper of general circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks, with the first publication no later than the date the application is submitted to the Commission. Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:076, Section 17, allows the Commission to permit deviations from its regulations “upon a showing of good cause.” The Commission’s final Order in Case No. 2025-00251 required South Hopkins District to file an application for a general rate adjustment pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, an alternative rate adjustment pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, or a formal motion explaining why no modification is necessary by July 31, 2026.³

¹ Application (tendered July 31, 2026).

² Motion for Deviation (filed July 31, 2026) at 1.

³ Case No. 2025-00251, *Electronic Purchased Water Adjustment Filing of South Hopkins Water District* (Ky. PSC Aug. 28, 2025), final Order at 6.

In support of its position, South Hopkins District argued that the local newspaper of general circulation, the *Madisonville Messenger*, only prints twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Saturdays.⁴ South Hopkins District completed its application for an alternative rate adjustment pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076 and presented its application for approval to its board on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.⁵ Once approved, South Hopkins District provided its customer notice to the *Madisonville Messenger* for circulation in its next edition on Saturday, August 1, 2026, the day after South Hopkins District was required to file its application with the Commission.⁶

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that South Hopkins District has provided good cause to deviate from the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(2)(b)(3). South Hopkins District published its customer notice in the first available edition of a local newspaper of general circulation upon completing its application. Further, the publication was within 24-hours of South Hopkins District's application filing with the Commission. For these reasons, the Commission finds that South Hopkins District substantially complied with the notice requirement, and that a deviation for good cause, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:076, Section 17, should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that South Hopkins District's motion for a deviation from 807 KAR 5:076 Section 5(2)(b)(3) for good cause is granted.

⁴ Motion for Deviation at 2.

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Entered on this 18th day of August, 2026.

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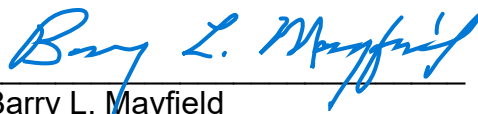
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