

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 FINANCING FOR THE	)	2026-00223
CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAYLOR MILL	)	
TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS	)	

ORDER

On August 21, 2026, Northern Kentucky Water District (Northern Kentucky District) filed a motion, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for an indefinite period for a portion of Exhibit A-5 provided with its application.

In support of its motion, Northern Kentucky District argued that the document contains detailed information about a vital treatment facility in Northern Kentucky District's water system and the type and location of equipment used in the treatment and distribution of water to the public; as such, the disclosure of this information could threaten the public safety generally and provide sensitive information relevant to the security measures to combat terrorism and other threats to the public drinking water system. Northern Kentucky District argued that such information is protected under KRS 61.878(1)(m)(1)(f)-(g), which prohibits disclosure of such infrastructure records, maps and specifications of structural elements that would have a reasonable likelihood of threatening the public safety by exposing a vulnerability in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, or responding to a terrorist act.

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that plan specifications included in Exhibit A-5 are generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, and that disclosure of the information for which confidential treatment is sought would have a reasonable likelihood of threatening the public safety by exposing a vulnerability. Thus, the Commission finds that the material for which Northern Kentucky District seeks confidential treatment meets the criteria for confidential treatment and should be exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(m).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Northern Kentucky District's August 21, 2026 motion for confidential treatment is granted.
2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period or until further Order of this Commission.
3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
4. If the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment, Northern Kentucky District shall inform the Commission and file with the Commission an unredacted copy of the designated material.
5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Northern Kentucky District shall have

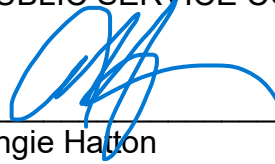
20 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Northern Kentucky District is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Northern Kentucky District to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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Entered on this 1st day of September, 2026.

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