

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT FILING OF ) CASE NO.  
BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT ) 2015-00088

ORDER

Black Mountain Utility District ("Black Mountain") has advised the Commission that it accepts the amount of the revenue increase, the allocation to the rate classes, and the design of the proposed rates set forth in the Commission Staff Report issued August 5, 2015 ("Staff Report").

Black Mountain also indicated that it waives its right to a hearing and that this matter should be submitted for a decision based upon the existing record.

The Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Within 14 days of the date of this Order, Black Mountain shall notify its customers of the implementation of the proposed rates by publishing notice of the increase in a newspaper of general circulation in its territory or placing an insert in bills rendered to its customers. The customer notice shall be in the format set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

2. Black Mountain shall provide proof of publication of the notice to the Commission no later than 30 days from the date of this Order.

3. If the Commission does not receive any written requests for intervention or a hearing in this matter within 30 days of publication of new rates, this case shall stand submitted to the Commission for decision based upon the existing record.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:



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Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00088 DATED **SEP 09 2015**

NOTICE TO THE CUSTOMERS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT

On May 6, 2015, Black Mountain Utility District ("Black Mountain") applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") for authority to adjust its rates for water service. The initial proposed effective date of the requested rate adjustment was made pursuant to the date of an Order granting an increase by the PSC. After performing a review of Black Mountain's application and records, the PSC Staff has recommended to the PSC that Black Mountain adjust its rates to their retail customers that are different from those proposed by Black Mountain. The tables below reflect the present retail rates and the retail rates proposed by the PSC Staff:

Monthly Water Rates

Retail Customers

<u>Water Rate A</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>PSC Staff Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
First 2,000 Gallons	\$21.38 Minimum Bill	\$25.13 Minimum Bill	\$3.75	17.54%
Over 2,000 Gallons	\$ 7.69 per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.44 per 1,000 Gallons	\$0.75	9.75%
		<u>Surcharge</u>		
		\$4.26 per Month	\$4.26	

<u>Water Rate D</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>PSC Staff Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
First 2,000 Gallons	\$18.13 Minimum Bill	\$25.13 Minimum Bill	\$7.00	38.61%
Over 2,000 Gallons	\$ 6.07 per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.44 per 1,000 Gallons	\$2.37	39.04%
		<u>Surcharge</u>		
		\$4.26 per Month	\$4.26	

<u>Former Green Hills</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>PSC Staff Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
First 2,000 Gallons	\$23.90 Minimum Bill	First 2,000 Gallons \$25.13 Minimum Bill	\$1.23	5.15%
Next 6,000 Gallons	\$ 9.21 per 1,000 Gallons	Over 2,000 Gallons \$ 8.44 per 1,000 Gallons	(\$0.77)	(8.36%)
Over 8,000 Gallons	\$7.65 per 1,000 Gallons		N/A	N/A

Wholesale Customers

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>PSC Staff Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	\$3.71 Per 1,000 Gallons	\$4.60 Per 1,000 Gallons	\$0.89	23.99%

The monthly water bill for the average retail customer using 4,200 gallons of water monthly will increase from \$38.30 to \$47.96, or 25.22%, for the former Water Rate A customers; from \$31.48 to \$47.96, or 52.35%, for the former Water Rate D customers; and from \$44.16 to \$43.70, or -1.04%, for the former Green Hills customers.

A person may examine the rate application at the offices of the Black Mountain located at 609 Four Mile Road, Baxter, Kentucky 40806.

A person may examine the application at the PSC's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

A copy of the PSC Staff report can be found at:  
[http://psc.ky.gov/PSCSCF/2015%20Cases/2015-00088/20150805\\_Staff%20Report.pdf](http://psc.ky.gov/PSCSCF/2015%20Cases/2015-00088/20150805_Staff%20Report.pdf).

Pursuant to the PSC's Order of August 5, 2015, in Case No. 2015-00088, Black Mountain has requested that the PSC approve the PSC Staff proposed rates.

Any person may submit comments on the proposed rates. Comments shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Comments may also be submitted by electronic mail to [psc.info@ky.gov](mailto:psc.info@ky.gov). If the Commission does not receive any objections or requests for intervention establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party or requests for hearing in this matter within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application and shall proceed to render a decision in the matter.

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