

**278.015 Water district; combined water, gas, or sewer district; or water commission a public utility subject to Public Service Commission -- Exceptions.**

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of KRS Chapter 74, any water district; combined water, gas, or sewer district; or water commission, except a joint commission created under the provisions of KRS 74.420 to 74.520, shall be a public utility and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission in the same manner and to the same extent as any other utility as defined in KRS 278.010, except:

- (1) As provided in KRS 278.023; or
- (2) When a wholesale supplier selling water or providing sewage treatment to a water district; combined water, gas, or sewer district; or water commission increases its rates, the water district or combined water, gas, or sewer district shall have the authority to increase its rates commensurate with the wholesale supplier without prior approval by the commission.

Within twenty (20) days after any such increase in rates, the district shall file its revised tariffs with the commission, together with a copy of the notice from its wholesale supplier showing the increase in the rate charged to the utility, and a statement of the volume of purchased water used or sewage treated to calculate the increase in rates. The commission shall approve the filing or establish revised rates by order no later than thirty (30) days after the above documents are filed with it. Prior to or at the time of the first billing of the new rates, the district shall give notice to its customers of the increase.

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