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PSC OKs Water Plant Improvements in Northern Kentucky ***\$28.35 million project needed to comply with federal standards***

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 5, 2011) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) today approved plans by the Northern Kentucky Water District for a \$28.35 million project that will enable its Taylor Mill treatment plant to comply with stricter federal drinking water standards.

In an order granting Northern Kentucky Water a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the PSC ruled that the district had chosen a reasonable approach for complying with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements that limit levels of potentially hazardous chlorination byproducts in drinking water.

The 10-million-gallon-per-day Taylor Mill plant will be modified to add a carbon filtration system (known as granular activated carbon) similar to those constructed earlier at Northern Kentucky Water's two other plants. Together, the three plants provide water to about 80,400 customers in Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties.

Northern Kentucky Water evaluated three options for meeting the EPA requirements. The carbon filtration option was selected as the most cost-effective. The project costs include design, engineering and construction.

No parties sought to intervene in the case and the PSC received no public comments regarding the Northern Kentucky Water proposal.

Today's order and other documents in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2011-00128.

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