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Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Joann Estates Utilities, Inc. Rate Case No. 2013-00307

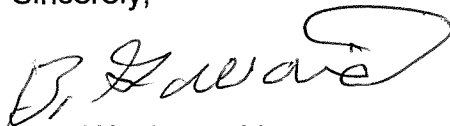
Dear Sirs,

Yesterday, the PSC reopened the record in the above-referenced case to schedule an Informal Conference in Frankfort at 10 am next Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The purpose of the conference is to take further evidence regarding sludge hauling expense. In our rate application, we had requested annual sludge hauling expense of \$9,600.

I have had health issues in recent months and my presence at the conference would be of no particular benefit. Todd Teas is our utility's certified operator and our expert on sludge hauling issues. Todd is employed full-time by the Paducah Joint Sewer Authority (JSA), and traveling to Frankfort from Paducah round trip would present a hardship to him in terms of both time and expenses. In addition, the limited scope of the conference suggests that it could be relatively brief. We are therefore requesting that a telephone conference rather than an actual Frankfort meeting be held.

In addition, we would like to resolve this case and implement new rates as quickly as possible. Therefore, while we believe our \$9,600 sludge hauling expense request is reasonable, we are hereby expressing our willingness to stipulate to a lesser number – and to agree to the PSC sludge hauling reporting requirements – if it would help to resolve this case expeditiously.

Sincerely,



B.G. Waid, President
Joann Estates Utilities, Inc.