COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT OF THE WHOLESALE) WATER SERVICE RATES OF THE CITY OF) CASE NO. 2015-00039 AUGUSTA)

<u>ORDER</u>

By a motion filed on October 29, 2015, the city of Augusta ("Augusta") and the Bracken County Water District ("Bracken District") jointly move for an Order modifying the procedural schedule in this case to extend the time for submitting written briefs from November 9, 2015, to December 9, 2015. In support of the motion, the parties state that they are in settlement discussions and require an additional 30 days to attempt to reach a settlement in this matter. The parties state that a settlement, if reached, would eliminate litigation expenses related to the preparation of written briefs. The parties state that the Commission has until June 27, 2016, to render a final decision in this matter; therefore, the requested extension will not unduly limit the time that the Commission has to review the record and render a decision.

Having reviewed the joint motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds good cause to modify the date by which a party shall file a brief in this matter from November 9, 2015, to December 9, 2015. We note, however, that on June 17, 2015, the Commission entered an Order that granted a prior joint motion to hold this matter in abeyance pending settlement discussions, and the matter was held in abeyance from June 17, 2015, through August 14, 2015. During that approximate two-

month period, the parties were unable to reach a settlement. The Commission finds that the parties should be required to file a written statement regarding the status of their settlement discussions on or before December 1, 2015.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

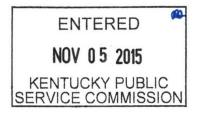
1. Augusta and Bracken District's joint motion to modify the procedural schedule set forth in the Commission's September 16, 2015 Order is granted.

2. The date by which each party shall file its brief in this matter is extended from November 9, 2015, to and including December 9, 2015.

3. On or before December 1, 2015, Augusta and Bracken District shall file a written statement regarding the status of their settlement discussions.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering 4. further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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