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)

ORDER

On February 9, 2016, the city of Augusta ("Augusta") and the Bracken County Water District ("Bracken District") filed a joint motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Stipulation and Water Purchase Contract. The parties state that the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation "resolves all issues related to Augusta's proposed wholesale rate adjustment." On February 9, 2016, the parties also jointly filed a motion for conference. The parties state that a conference with Commission Staff may aid the Commission in review of the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation and proposed new Water Purchase Agreement.²

We find that, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(4), in pertinent part, the Commission "may convene a conference in a case for the purpose of considering the possibility of settlement, the simplification or clarification of issues, or any other matter that may aid in the handling and disposition of the case." We find that a conference with Commission Staff should be held. We defer any ruling on the joint motion for Approval

¹ Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Stipulation and Water Purchase Contract (filed Feb. 9, 2016) at 1.

² Motion for Conference (filed Feb. 9, 2016) at 1.

of Settlement Agreement and Stipulation and Water Purchase Contract and will address the joint motion in a future Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- Augusta and Bracken District's February 9, 2016 motion for conference is granted.
- An informal conference shall be held on February 15, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.
 Eastern Standard Time in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort,
 Kentucky, for the purpose of discussing the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation and
 proposed new Water Purchase Agreement.
- A decision on Augusta and Bracken District's February 9, 2016 joint motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Stipulation and Water Purchase Contract is deferred and will be addressed by a future Order.
- 4. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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