### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

# ELECTRONIC MARTIN COUNTY WATER)CASE NO.DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION)2020-00154MONITORING PURSUANT TO KRS 278.250)

## <u>order</u>

On February 26, 2021, Martin County Water District (Martin District) filed a letter in accordance with ordering paragraph 11 of the Commission's July 22, 2020 Order, which required Martin District to evaluate whether a rate increase or decrease is required and to report the finding on or before March 1, 2021. In the letter, Martin District requests to submit the evaluation, recommendation, and an alternative rate filing on April 1, 2021, instead of on March 1, 2021. The Commission will treat the letter as a motion.

As a basis for the request, Martin District explained that its board will review the 2020 audit at the March 23, 2021 board meeting, and thus Martin District will have one full year of financial data reviewed by an independent auditor on which to base the rate evaluation.

The Commission finds that Martin District established good cause to extend the date to file its evaluation and recommendation to April 1, 2021, because, given Martin District's past history of uncertain and inaccurate financial data, having one full year of audited financial data will provide greater certainty regarding the accuracy of the financial data. For this reason, the Commission concludes that Martin District's motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Martin District's motion to extend the time to file the rate evaluation report is granted.

2. On or before April 1, 2021, Martin District, under the guidance of Alliance Water Resources, shall file the rate evaluation, recommendation, and alternative rate case filing.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

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**Executive Director** 

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