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PARTIES OF RECORD: Case No. 2008-00042 Cedarbrook Utilities, LLC

Attached is a copy of the teleconference memorandum which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you wish to make any comments regarding the contents of the memorandum, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. Should you have any questions regarding the memorandum, please contact Todd Osterloh at 502/564-3940, Extension 439.

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## INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

## KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO:

Case File No. 2008-00042

FROM:

M. Todd Osterloh, Staff Attorney

DATE:

June 19, 2008

RE:

Conference of June 19, 2008

On June 19, 2008, Commission Staff held a teleconference in this case to discuss the impact of the Commission's denial of a transfer of assets from R.A. Williams Construction Company ("Williams") to Cedarbrook Utilities, LLC ("Cedarbrook") in this rate case. Participating in the conference were the following individuals:

Robert Moore, Attorney for Williams and Cedarbrook Ron Osborne, President of Williams Susan Daugherty, Accountant for Williams Martin Cogan, Member of Cedarbrook Lawrence Smither, Member of Cedarbrook Dennis Howard, Office of the Attorney General Eddie Beavers, PSC Financial Analysis Division Mark Frost, PSC Financial Analysis Division Todd Osterloh, PSC Legal Division

Commission Staff informed the parties of their intent to file an amended Staff Report, in light of the Commission's denial of the transfer of the sewer facilities. Staff inquired whether Williams preferred for Staff to file an amended Staff Report based on its original application or whether Williams wanted Staff to consider the supplemental costs in the utility's Amendment to the Application filed on May 12, 2008. Staff stated that if Williams wanted the Staff to include the supplemental costs, Staff would seek further support for those costs through another data request.

Williams expressed its interest in expediting the process. It also had concerns that an increased rate would add certain obligations and duties on Williams, but Staff responded that rates are not tied to service and an increased rate would not put any additional obligations on the utility. Having been assured that it would have no additional duties with a higher rate, Williams stated that it would have no objections if the Staff were to amend its Report and recommend Commission approval of the \$62 per month rate that was in the original application.

Staff noted that although the Commission tends to agree with the Staff Report, there is no guarantee that the Commission will approve the rate recommended by Staff. Staff also noted that it could not provide a definitive timeline for when the Commission

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would issue a ruling in this case. Staff hopes to file an amended Staff Report next week, and parties would be given seven days to respond. If no objections to the Staff Report are filed and no one requests a hearing in the case, the case can stand submitted for a Commission ruling.

A few extraneous issues came up during the conference. Mr. Osborne requested information and documents that the Commission has related to Williams's ownership of Cedarbrook Treatment Plant. Commission Staff responded that such a request must be filed in writing to the Commission's Executive Director. Mr. Osborne also asked if the Staff could describe "in layman's terms" the reason why the transfer was denied in Case No. 2008-00040. Because the Commission speaks through its Orders, Staff declined to comment and encouraged him to speak with his attorney. Based on a comment that there were errors in the Commission's final Order in the transfer case, Staff stated that the parties could apply for rehearing within 20 days from the service of the Order under KRS 278.400. In addition, the parties can appeal a Commission Order in Franklin Circuit Court within 30 days from the service of the Order under KRS 278.410.

cc: Parties of Record