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Re: Case No. 2011-00297

Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District

Gentlemen:

The enclosed memoranda have been filed in the record of the above-referenced case. Any comments regarding this memorandum's contents should be submitted to the Commission within five days of receipt of this letter. Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Gerald Wuetcher, Executive Advisor/Attorney, at (502) 782-2590.

Sincerely,

Jeff Derouen

Executive Director

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INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO: Case File No. 2011-00297

Gerald Wuetcher **SEW** Executive Advisor/Attorney FROM:

DATE: March 8, 2013

RE: **Telephone Conference Call**

On January 15, 2013, a telephone conference call was held in this case. Participating in the conference call were:

> Robert Moore Forest Creek, LLC

Bruce Smith Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District

Sam Bryant Commission Staff Scott Lawless Commission Staff Sam Reid Commission Staff James Rice Commission Staff Gerald Wuetcher - Commission Staff

Mr. Moore and Mr. Smith identified and discussed several issues for which they sought Commission Staff guidance. These issues involved the calculation of refunds to developers for water main extensions. The guestions posed included:

- May attorney fees incurred by a real estate subdivision developer for a water main extension be considered in calculating the cost of the main extension?
- May, in addition to the actual cost of the water main(s), the cost of appurtenances such pumping stations and underground storage, be considered in determining the cost of the water main extension?
- Does the cost of the main extension include interior mains constructed within a subdivision?
- Does the cost of the main extension include only the portion of the main extension from the terminus of the existing main to the entrance of the subdivision to be served?

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Noting that the Commission had yet to formally address some of these questions and had taken conflicting positions on others, Commission Staff was unable to provide any definitive guidance. Mr. Wuetcher referred the parties to prior rulings of the Commission in Cases No. 97-468 and No. 2006-00118. He subsequently advised the parties by electronic mail (Enclosure) of specific location of the Commission's Order in Case No. 97-468.

The conference call then concluded.

cc: Parties of Record

From: <u>Wuetcher, Jerry (PSC)</u>

To: <u>Bruce Smith (bsmith@smithlawoffice.net)</u>; <u>Robert Moore (RMoore@hazelcox.com)</u>

Subject: Case No. 2011-00297: Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District

Date: Monday, January 28, 2013 5:38:38 AM

Gentlemen:

At the 1/15/2013 conference call, I mentioned a case involving Northern Kentucky Water District and its water main extension policy. NKWD had requested and was granted a deviation to establish a water main extension policy that did not allow for refunds to developers for water mains that were installed within a real estate subdivision. This case is Case No. 97-468. The decision in that case may be found at

http://psc.ky.gov/order_vault/orders_1998/199700468_09041998.pdf.

Please note that the decision is almost 15 years old. Some of the PSC's positions regarding water main extensions have evolved. I cannot state with any certainty that the PSC would decide the request in the same manner today. The decision, however, has never been reversed nor has a subsequent Commission stated that it would not follow the decision.

Respectfully,

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INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO: Case File No. 2011-00297

Gerald Wuetcher **SEW** Executive Advisor/Attorney FROM:

DATE: March 8, 2013

RE: Conference Call of March 8, 2013

On March 8, 2013, Commission Staff conducted a conference call in this matter to discuss the current status of negotiations between the parties. Participating were:

> Robert C. Moore - Forest Creek LLC

- Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District Bruce Smith

- Commission Staff Gerald Wuetcher

Beginning the conference call, Mr. Wuetcher also stated that Commission Staff would prepare minutes of the conference for the case record, that a copy of the minutes would be provided to all parties, and that all parties would be given an opportunity to submit written comments upon those minutes.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Smith discussed the status of negotiations between the They indicated that progress had been made, but the parties required additional time to complete negotiations. They indicated that continuing the case for an additional 60 days would be appropriate.

The conference then adjourned.