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PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2014-00163 An Investigation of Existing and Future Service of Bullitt Utilities Inc.

The enclosed correspondence has been filed in the record of the abovereferenced case. Any comments regarding the content should be submitted to the Commission within five days of receipt of this letter. Any questions regarding the correspondence should be directed to Ann Ramser, Staff Attorney, at (502) 782-2585.

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July 10, 2014

Via Hand Delivery Governor Steve Beshear Kentucky State Capitol Building 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

> Re: Bullitt Utilities, Inc. ("Bullitt Utilities") Hunters Hollow Waste Water Treatment Plant and Collection System ('WWTP') March 29, 2014 Failure

Dear Governor Beshear:

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of Bullitt Utilities, the owner of the Hunters Hollow wastewater treatment plant ("WWTP") located in Bullitt County, Kentucky. This WWTP was designed to treat 250,000 gallons of sanitary sewage per day, and it suffered a catastrophic failure on March 29, 2014. Immediately after the failure of this WWTP, Bullitt Utilities took extraordinary emergency action to obtain the treatment of the wastewater that was formerly treated by the failed WWTP by contracting for the installation and operation of temporary WWTPs to provide treatment for the approximately 200,000 gallons per day (dry weather flow) of wastewater generated by the Hunters Hollow subdivision.

Bullitt Utilities has worked closely with the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection in responding to this environmental emergency, and certainly appreciates the assistance that has been provided to address this emergency. Bullitt Utilities has also engaged in positive discussions with the Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District ("MSD") and the Bullitt County Sanitation District ("BCSD") in attempting to respond to this situation. MSD is unable to provide assistance in the short term to address this emergency. Unfortunately, the BCSD has declined to provide assistance on a short term basis, after initially indicating that it would do so.

The reason for this letter is to request assistance in addressing this environmental emergency. Bullitt Utilities has spent an extraordinary amount of money, which it had to borrow, in order to pay for the installation and operation of the temporary WWTPs. These funds will run out within the next thirty (30) days, and Bullitt Utilities' resources will then be exhausted, yet the wastewater will still require treatment on an ongoing basis. To avoid substantial harm to the citizens of Bullitt County and the environment, the treatment provided by the temporary WWTPs will need to continue until a permanent resolution to this emergency is in place. Your participation in this matter is critical in persuading the BCSD to assist in arriving at the needed short term and long term solution to this environmental emergency. Otherwise, the current situation could worsen dramatically.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will be contacting your office to see if you would like me to provide you with any additional information concerning this matter, or wish to meet to discuss this emergency.

Very respectfully,

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cc: Peter Goodman - Division of Water - via electronic & first class mail Daniel Cleveland - Department of Environmental Protection - via electronic & first class mail Melanie Roberts - Bullitt County Judge/Executive- via facsimile & first class mail Jerry Kennedy - BCSD - via electronic & first class mail Greg Heitzman - MSD - via electronic & first class mail Jeff Derouen - Public Service Commission - via electronic & first class mail Bullitt Utilities - via electronic mail