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> Re: Case No. 2004-00331 Joint Application of Berea And Berea College to Transfer Utility Assets

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Thank you for your assistance.

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> Re: The Matter of the Joint Applicants' Application in Case No. 2004-00331

Dear Mr. Newberry:

I have received, and thank you for, a copy of your Response to my Motion to Intervene on behalf of my client, Southern Madison Water District. I do not believe that any sort of responsive pleading is appropriate to your Response, as my review of the entire Record, as well as our longstanding, excellent relationship with Berea College, a similar relationship which we look forward to with the City of Berea, and your Response give me no reason to anticipate my client taking a position adverse to any relief sought by the Joint Applicants.

However, I wish to state for the Record our position regarding your sole stated concern, delay. Therefore, I have asked Ms. O'Donnell to file her copy of this letter in the Commission's Record.

We fully appreciate your concern for delay, and it is the second-to-last thing that we would wish to see. The last thing is that any unanticipated action, adverse to my client, be taken, without the opportunity for my client to be heard due to our not being kept fully informed in a timely fashion; or our missing information or opinions, which might be important to us but which do not make it into the Record. In my experience, participation as a full party is the best way to minimize the likelihood of either. By way of example, I find no Procedural Order, to which I see subsequent reference, in the Record; likewise, I see no Order scheduling the November 23, 2004 conference (which I learned of during a telephone conference with Commission legal staff and which I understand may have been scheduled through e-mail). Neither of these things has caused us any prejudice, but I most fear the unknown future and I would expect to receive such information as a full party.

Regarding delay of the November 23, 2004 hearing, we foresee no reason to delay that hearing and hereby request that no such delay occur. However, it was my understanding from my conference with Commission legal staff that November 23, 2004 was scheduled merely to secure a place on the Commission's Docket, in the event any matter required hearing and, if not, the hearing would be cancelled. We do not plan to request that any matter be heard on that or any other Docket, based upon the Record.

I have had the opportunity to discuss our positions, as set forth hereinabove, informally with Mssrs. Gilbert and Wilson. If there is anything, at all, that you would like to discuss with me or my client, we would be most happy to do so.

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