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> **R. Bruce Scott** Commissioner

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> Mr. Jeff R. Derouen, Executive Director Office of Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Dear Executive Director Derouen,

It is my understanding that the Public Service Commission has been advised and is aware of the investigation into two (2) wastewater package plants located in two (2) mobile home parks in Bullitt County. The parks are known as Big Valley Mobile Home Park and Woodland Acres Mobile Home Park and they were owned by Mr. John Ford.

Mr. Ford died in October 2008. The administrator of the estate, Charles Gribbons, has no interest in operating either plant. Mr. Joe Murphy, a local plumber, has expressed an interest in acquiring Woodland Acres. He was recently referred to the PSC to begin the acquisition process. Meanwhile, the Bullitt County Sanitation District hopes to acquire Big Valley.

Since the 1980's, sewage problems have been a constant problem for residents of both mobile home parks. In recent years, there has been a series of environmental violations at both Big Valley and Woodland Acres including improper operation, failure to report sewage overflows and discharges, and water pollution. In fact, the situation worsened after Mr. Ford's death. Currently, according to DOW records, there is no certified operator who has responsibility for the plants. The Energy and Environment Cabinet is initiating legal action to address the violations. Meanwhile, Bullitt County has made a concerted effort to remedy the violations and repair or replace worn-out and damaged equipment.

The Cabinet respectfully requests that you initiate proceedings pursuant to KRS 278.021 in order to facilitate appointment of a permanent receiver for both of these mobile home parks. Once a receiver is in place, Bullitt County will be in a much better position to acquire Big



Valley. More importantly, competent leadership and experience at both of these locations will lead to improved operations and a cleaner environment for these communities.

Very Truly Yours,

Sandy Gruzesky, Director Division of Water

