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Mr. Jeff Derouen Executive Director - Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40620-0615

Request for Abbreviated Form of Notice - 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16.7 **SUBJECT:**

Dear Director Derouen.

We have filed under separate cover a Notice of Intent to file a General Rate Case Application for our Radcliff Sewer Utility. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16.6.(3).(a), we understand that a sewage utility must notify its customers of a rate increase application by direct mailed notice. We also understand that 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16.7 provides that the Commission may grant an abbreviated form of notice.

We hereby request approval to use an abbreviated form of notice consistent with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16.3.a and provide the following reasons and facts supporting this approval;

- The majority of our sewer customers are also our water customers and for past rate increase 1. notices have used the newspaper and other required notifications to customers
- 2. We have about 8,800 sewer customers. To use direct mailing would be considerably more expensive and require more staff time
- Our alternate method of notice proposed below will cost less, provide notice more quickly and 3. efficiently and save customers time

We also propose to use the following methods to make notification, in place of the sewage notice (807 KAR 5:001, Section 16.6.(3).(a)) method, which we believe will make the notice available and presented to our customers more efficiently;

- 1. Use three consecutive newspaper notices per 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16.3.
- Include a banner notice on our website, on the home page, letting visitors know an application 2. has been filed and provide a link directing them to the complete public notice to read directly
- Post complete notice in our customer lobby, and on front door of main office, and at both 3. drive through window and remote payment drop box
- Type a brief notice on all customers regular mailed bills with short notice of the rate filing and 3. the website link they can visit to read complete notice, and phone number they can call to find out more information or have complete notice mailed or electronically mailed to them

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4. Also request permission for waiver not to include a coupon with notice, as required in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16.7, as the use of coupon by the customer would also add cost and require additional customer effort to obtain the notice, compared to other methods proposed

We will wait on any public notice effort until we receive your response on our request. Please feel free to contact myself or our legal counsel;

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Sincerely,

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Jim Bruce, General Manager

Cf; Mr. David Wilson II, HCWD1 Attorney Mr. Scott Schmuck, HCWD1 Finance & Accounting Manager