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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AIRVIEW UTILITIES, LLC'S NOTICE OF)	
SURRENDER AND ABANDONMENT)	CASE NO. 2016-00207
OF UTILITY PROPERTY	Í	

JOINT MOTION TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE

Comes Airview Utilities, LLC ("Airview"), and the City of Elizabethtown, by counsel, and for their Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance, state as follows.

- 1. In accordance with KRS 278.020(11), on June 8, 2016, Airview provided written notice to the statutorily required parties of its intention to file an application with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to abandon its utility property and surrender all of its property interests and rights in and to the utility's property.
- 2. On June 16, 2016, Airview filed with the Commission its Notice of Surrender and Abandonment of Utility Property. By Order entered on July 15, 2016, the Commission accepted the filing of Airview's Notice of Surrender and Abandonment of Utility Property.
- 3. "The proceedings to date [in this case] include multiple rounds of discovery, a hearing on October 12, 2016, and the filing of post-hearing briefs by Airview and the AG." (See Commission's Order of February 9, 2017, p. 2) The Commission's February 9, 2017 Order required Airview to "continue to operate its utility facilities during the pendency of this investigation" The Commission's February 9, 2017 Order also made

the City of Elizabethtown ("Elizabethtown") a party in this matter. (See Commission's Order of February 9, 2017, Ordering ¶5 at p. 12) By its Response filed on August 16, 2018, Airview has responded to the Commission's Order of July 17, 2018, the most recent Order entered by the Commission in this case.

- 4. Representatives of Airview have had numerous discussions with representatives of Elizabethtown concerning the transfer of the Airview wastewater treatment plant and collection system to Elizabethtown. To date, Elizabethtown has declined to accept ownership of the Airview wastewater treatment plant and collection system.
- 5. On April 16, 2019, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC ("Bluegrass") and others, including Airview, filed a Verified Joint Application for Approval of Acquisition and Transfer of Ownership and Control of Assets ("Verified Joint Application"), which Verified Joint Application was assigned PSC Case No. 2019-00104. Among other things, this Verified Joint Application requested the Commission to approve Bluegrass' acquisition and transfer of ownership and control of the assets of a number of utilities that provide wastewater collection and treatment services, including the utility assets of Airview.
- 6. Discovery has been taken in PSC Case No. 2019-00104, and a hearing concerning the Verified Joint Application is scheduled to take place on July 2, 2019.
- 7. Should the Commission grant the Verified Joint Application and approve Bluegrass' acquisition and control of the assets of Airview, it is anticipated that Bluegrass will take ownership of Airview's utility assets within 45 days of the entry of the Commission's Order granting the Verified Joint Application. (See Verified Joint

Application, Exhibit H, ¶ 5) Upon Bluegrass' acquisition of Airview's assets, the pending Notice of Surrender and Abandonment Case, PSC Case No. 2016-00207 would be rendered moot.

8. For the above-stated reasons, Airview and Elizabethtown request that the above-styled Surrender and Abandonment case (PSC Case No. 2016-00207) be held in abeyance until the Commission issues its ruling on the Verified Joint Application filed by Bluegrass and others (PSC Case No. 2019-00104), and the transfer of Airview's utility assets to Bluegrass is completed, if approved. Thereafter, a motion to dismiss this case would be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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