### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

## THE APPLICATION OF GILBERT CONSTRUCTION ) d/b/a WRIGHT ACRES FOR A RATE ADJUSTMENT ) CASE NO. PURSUANT TO THE ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING ) 99-314 PROCEDURE FOR SMALL UTILITIES )

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On September 23, 1999, Gilbert Construction d/b/a Wright Acres ("Wright Acres") filed an application for Commission approval to increase its monthly flat rate of \$15.00 to \$18.78, for an increase of 25.20 percent. The proposed rates would generate additional annual revenues of \$4,856, an increase of 25.21 percent above normalized operating revenues.

By Order dated January 21, 2000, the Commission issued a Staff Report that was prepared upon review of Wright Acres' test-year operations. Staff's report recommended that Wright Acres' current rate be decreased by \$1.82 to \$13.18, or 12.13 percent. The Order directed all parties to file comments on the Staff Report or request a hearing or informal conference within 10 days of the date of the Order or the case would stand submitted. The Commission received a request for an informal conference from Wright Acres on February 1, 2000.

A teleconference was held on March 7, 2000, to discuss the application and the Staff Report. During the conference matters not previously brought to Staff's attention arose. It was agreed that Wright Acres would file additional information subsequent to the conference. After reviewing the additional information an Amended Staff Report was issued by Commission Order dated April 28, 2000. The amended report recommended the Commission approve a monthly rate of \$13.74. The issuing Order granted 10 days to file written comments regarding the Amended Staff Report or requests for a hearing or informal conference. No such comments or requests have been received.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that:

1. The recommendations and findings contained in the Amended Staff Report are supported by the evidence of record, are reasonable, and should be adopted as the findings of the Commission.

2. The rates set forth in Appendix A will produce annual revenue from sewer service of \$17,634 and should be approved as the fair, just, and reasonable rates for Wright Acres.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The findings contained in the Amended Staff Report are adopted and incorporated by reference into this Order as if fully set out herein.

2. The rates set forth in Appendix A are approved for service rendered by Wright Acres on and after the date of this Order.

3. The rates proposed by Wright Acres are denied.

4. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Wright Acres shall file with the Commission its revised tariff setting out the rates approved herein.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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# APPENDIX A

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 99-314 DATED MAY 25, 2000

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Gilbert Construction d/b/a Wright Acres. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Flat Monthly Sewer Rate

\$13.74