

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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THE VERIFIED JOINT APPLICATION OF)
EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION) **CASE NO. 2017-00383**
AND KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY)
FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL AND ASSETS)

VERIFIED JOINT APPLICATION

Kentucky-American Water Company (“KAW”) and Eastern Rockcastle Water Association (“ERWA”) state the following:

1. KAW is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky with its principal office and place of business at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502. KAW can be contacted by e-mail via the e-mail addresses of its counsel set forth below. KAW was incorporated on February 27, 1882 and is currently in good standing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

2. KAW is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Water Works Company, Inc. (“American Water”) and is engaged in the distribution and sale of water in its Central Division, consisting of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Harrison, Jessamine, Nicholas, Scott and Woodford Counties and its Northern Division, consisting of Gallatin, Owen and Grant Counties. KAW currently owns, operates and maintains potable water production, treatment, storage, transmission and distribution systems for the purpose of furnishing potable water for residential, commercial, industrial and governmental users in its service territory. KAW is also engaged in the collection and treatment of wastewater in Franklin, Owen, Bourbon and Clark Counties.

3. ERWA is a water association organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky with its business address of 9246 Main Street, Livingston, Kentucky 40456. ERWA may be reached by e-mail at erwa@windstream.net. ERWA's telephone number is 606-453-0019. ERWA was incorporated on March 30, 1990 and is a water association and utility operating under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the provision of water utility services in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

4. Pursuant to KRS 278.020(6), KAW and ERWA jointly petition the Commission for the approval of the Asset Purchase Agreement ("APA") by which KAW will acquire ERWA's assets. A copy of the APA is attached as Exhibit 1. KAW further petitions the Commission upon approval of the APA to permit KAW to serve ERWA customers in accordance with KAW's existing water tariff on file except that the rates to be charged would remain the same as set forth at page 4 of ERWA's current tariff on file with the Commission. A copy of page 4 of ERWA's tariff is attached as Exhibit 2. In the event the Commission approves the change of control requested herein, KAW will file an Adoption Notice of page 4 of ERWA's current tariff in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011, Section 11.

5. KAW and ERWA seek to consummate the purchase by KAW of ERWA's assets no later than December 22, 2017. The proposed purchase includes all of ERWA's tangible assets and real property interests devoted to the provision of water service except for the limited exclusions set forth in the APA. KAW and ERWA request an Order from the Commission approving their transaction no later 60 days from the date of filing of this Joint Application.

6. From and after the contemplated December 22, 2017 closing, KAW will assume responsibility for the operation of ERWA and service to ERWA's customers. KAW will make

any necessary improvements over time to ensure that the existing and future customers are provided with the same quality of service as is currently being provided to KAW customers.

7. KAW has the financial, technical, and managerial abilities to skillfully and efficiently operate the acquired assets as required by KRS 278.020(6). Evidence of KAW's financial integrity to ensure the continuity of water service to ERWA's customers as required by KRS 278.020(10) may be found in the KAW annual reports on file with this Commission which were filed in March 2017. To the extent the Commission requires specific evidence of KAW's financial integrity not found in those annual reports, KAW would be happy to provide such information upon Commission request in this matter.

8. This Joint Application is made in accordance with the law, for a proper purpose, and is consistent with public interest, all in accordance with KRS 278.020(6).

9. WHEREFORE, KAW and ERWA ask that the Commission enter an order (1) authorizing the transfer of ownership of ERWA's assets under the terms set forth in the APA and (2) authorizing KAW to provide water services to ERWA customers in accordance with KAW's existing water tariff on file with the exception described in Paragraph 4 related to page 4 of ERWA's current tariff (attached as Exhibit 2).

VERIFICATION

I, Nick O. Rowe, President of Kentucky-American Water Company, do hereby state that the statements made in this Joint Application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.


NICK O. ROWE

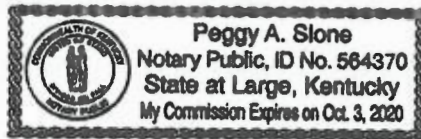
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

COUNTY OF FAYETTE)

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me by Nick O. Rowe, President of Kentucky-American Water Company, for and on behalf of said corporation.

My Commission expires: 10/3/2020


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VERIFICATION

I, Russell Barron, President of Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, hereby state that the statements made in this Joint Application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



RUSSELL BARRON

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

COUNTY OF Rockcastle)

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me by Russell Barron, President of Eastern Rockcastle Association, for and on behalf of said entity.

My Commission expires: 10-13-2020



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CERTIFICATE

This certifies that the electronic filing of this document is a true and accurate copy of the documents to be filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on September 22, 2017; that an original and six paper copies of the filing will be delivered to the Commission within two business days of the electronic filing; and that no party has been excused from participation by electronic means.

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ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Asset Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ^{19th} day of ~~September~~, 2017 ("Effective Date") by and between **Kentucky-American Water Company**, a Kentucky public utility corporation ("Buyer"), and **Eastern Rockcastle Water Association**, ("Seller"). Hereinafter, the Buyer and Seller may be individually referred to as a "party" or jointly as the "parties".

RECITALS:

A. Seller owns and operates a water system which provides water services to customers located within its service area (the "Service Area") (collectively referred to as the "Business").

B. Buyer desires to acquire and Seller desires to sell the Assets of Seller relating to the Business pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the covenants contained herein and in exchange for other consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 Definitions and Related Matters

For purposes of this Agreement and all documents executed in connection with this Agreement, the capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to them herein or in Schedule 1 and the rules of construction set forth in Schedule 1 shall govern.

ARTICLE 2 Purchase and Sale of Assets; Closing

2.1 Transfer and Description of Assets. Subject to and upon all other terms and conditions of this Agreement, effective as of the Effective Time on the Closing Date, Seller shall sell, convey, transfer, assign and deliver to Buyer free and clear of all Encumbrances, and Buyer shall acquire from Seller, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to all of Seller's assets, other than the Excluded Assets, regardless of where located, which are, could be, or in the future would be part of the transmission and distribution systems used to provide water service to Seller's water customers, including but not limited to the following:

(a) all Real Property including any easements, rights-of-way or rights granted to the Seller in furtherance of the operation of the Business including but not limited to that described in Schedule 3.4;

(b) all Tangible Personal Property, as defined in Schedule 1 Definitions.

(c) all data and Records related to Seller's operation of the Business, including, but not limited to, the customer list which shall include the service and billing address of all customers of the Seller and, subject to applicable Law, copies of all Records described in Section 2.2(b);

(d) all Permits and all pending applications therefore, renewals thereof or exemptions therefrom which are necessary or advisable in the operation of Seller's Business, including but not limited to those listed in Schedule 3.8; and

(e) all of the intangible rights and property of Seller utilized by Seller in the operation of the Business.

All of the foregoing shall be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Assets".

2.2 Excluded Assets. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 2.1 or elsewhere in this Agreement, the following Assets of Seller are not part of the sale and purchase

contemplated hereunder, are excluded from the Assets, and shall remain the property of Seller after the Closing:

- (a) all insurance policies and rights thereunder;
- (b) all personnel Records and other Records that Seller is required by Law to retain in its possession;
- (c) all rights in connection with and assets of the employee benefit plans and employment or independent contractor Contracts;
- (d) all rights of Seller under the Transaction Documents;
- (e) cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments;
- (f) the assets listed on Schedule 2.2;
- (g) accounts receivable arising prior to the Effective Time; and
- (h) Customer Service Connections, which shall remain the property of the customer.

All of the foregoing shall be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Excluded Assets".

2.3 Consideration. The consideration for the Assets (the "Purchase Price") will be determined on the day of closing. The final purchase price will be the dollar amount required for the Seller to clear its books and not to exceed \$770,000. The Assets shall be in substantially the same condition, absent normal wear and tear, and fully able to perform the functions they are intended to at the time of Closing. If any of the Assets are not able to perform the function they are intended to, the Buyer, at its option, may request an adjustment to the purchase price to compensate for the deterioration or loss of said Asset. In the event the parties are not able to agree to the amount of the adjustment, the adjustment amount shall be the amount necessary to return the Asset to the condition it was in on the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.4 Liabilities. The Buyer shall not be responsible for any of the Liabilities of Seller, including any that may arise after Closing, and any such Liabilities shall remain the sole responsibility of and shall be retained, paid, performed and discharged solely by Seller.

2.5 Closing. The purchase and sale provided for in this Agreement will take place at a location and time of day agreed upon by the parties (the "Closing"). The date of the Closing shall be no later than thirty days following approval by the Public Service Commission (PSC) or at such later date as is agreed upon by the parties. Closing shall be effective as of 5:00 pm local time (the "Effective Time") on the actual date of Closing (the "Closing Date").

2.6 Closing Obligations.

(a) At or prior to Closing, Seller shall deliver to Buyer the following documents, duly executed:

(i) a Bill of Sale for all of the Assets that are Tangible Personal Property in a form reasonably acceptable to Buyer;

(ii) an assignment of all of the Assets that are intangible personal property in a form reasonably acceptable to Buyer;

(iii) for each interest in Real Property identified on Schedule 3.4, a recordable warranty deed or such other appropriate document or instrument of transfer or approval, as the case may require, each in form and substance satisfactory to Buyer and its legal counsel. Notwithstanding the fact that the same may not be listed on Schedule 3.4, Seller must provide easements

or other transferable property rights to Buyer for all mains used in the Business, which are not located on or in public rights-of-way, and must provide assignments of public rights-of-way Permits with only those conditions acceptable to Buyer for all mains located in municipal, county or state owned public rights-of-way;

(iv) such other deeds, bills of sale, assignments, certificates of title, documents and other instruments of transfer and conveyance as may be reasonably requested by Buyer, each in form and substance satisfactory to Buyer;

(v) a certificate as to the accuracy of Seller's representations and warranties as of the Effective Date of this Agreement and as of Closing in accordance with Section 5.1(a) and as to its compliance with and performance of its covenants and obligations to be performed or complied with at or before Closing in accordance with Section 5.1(b);

(vi) a certificate of the Secretary of Seller, dated as of the Closing, certifying: (A) that attached are true copies of the duly adopted resolutions of the Seller's governing body authorizing the execution of this Agreement and the sale of all Assets; and (B) the incumbency, signatures and authority of the governing body members of Seller executing this Agreement or any agreement contemplated hereby on behalf of Seller;

(vii) a general release in a form reasonably acceptable to Buyer;

(viii) a legal opinion of Seller's legal counsel, affirmatively opining to such matters as Buyer or its legal counsel may reasonably request, including but not limited to the due authorization and execution of this Agreement by Seller and the enforceability thereof; and the Seller's compliance with any applicable Kentucky statutes or regulations applicable to its sale of its water utility system.

(b) At or prior to Closing, Buyer shall deliver to Seller, the following documents, duly executed, or funds:

(i) The Purchase Price, by wire transfer or other immediately available funds, to an account specified by the Seller;

(ii) a certificate as to the accuracy of Buyer's representations and warranties as of the Effective Date of this Agreement and as of Closing in accordance with Section 5.2(a) and as to its compliance with and performance of its covenants and obligations to be performed or complied with at or before Closing in accordance with Section 5.2(b);

(iii) a certificate of the company secretary of Buyer, dated as of the Closing, certifying: (A) that attached are true copies of the duly adopted resolutions of the Buyer's board of directors authorizing this Agreement and the purchase of all Assets; and (B) the incumbency, signatures and authority of the officer or officers of Buyer executing this Agreement or any agreement contemplated hereby on behalf of Buyer; and

(iv) a certificate of existence issued by the Secretary of State of Kentucky with respect to Buyer, dated not earlier than thirty (30) days prior to Closing.

ARTICLE 3 **Representations and Warranties of Seller**

Seller hereby makes the following representations and warranties to Buyer:

3.1 Organization. Seller is a water association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the State of Kentucky, with full power and authority to conduct the Business as it is now being conducted and to own and operate its Assets.

3.2 Enforcement; Authority; No Conflict.

(a) This Agreement constitutes, and the Transaction Documents (when executed and delivered) will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of Seller, enforceable against Seller in accordance with its terms. Seller has the absolute and unrestricted right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Transaction Documents to which it is a party and to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and such action has been duly authorized by all necessary action by Seller's governing body;

(b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the Contemplated Transaction will, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of: (A) any other agreements of Seller; or (B) any resolution adopted by the governing body of Seller;

(ii) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of or give any Governmental Authority or other Person the right to challenge any of the Contemplated Transaction or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under any Laws or any Order to which Seller or any of the Assets may be subject;

(iii) contravene, conflict with or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of or give any Governmental Authority the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate or modify any Permit or other authorization by a Governmental Authority that is held by Seller or that otherwise relates to the Business or any of the Assets;

(iv) contravene, conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any provision of, require the Consent of any Person, or give any Person the right to declare a default or exercise any remedy under or to accelerate the maturity or performance of or to cancel, terminate or modify any Contract, indenture, mortgage, note, lease, bond, grant, or other instrument or document of which Seller is a party or by which any of the Assets are bound; or

(v) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance upon or with respect to any of the Assets, except as contemplated by this Agreement.

3.3 Assets. Seller has good and marketable title to all of the Assets. The Assets are free and clear of any and all Encumbrances whatsoever, including any liens, loans, bonds or grants from any federal or state agency for the purchase or construction of the Assets. None of the Assets are leased or on loan by Seller to any third party. The Assets constitute all property necessary for the operation of the Business in the manner Seller currently operates.

3.4 Real Property; Easements. To Seller's best knowledge and belief, Seller has good and marketable title to, or a valid and binding leasehold interest in, those parcels and tracts of land and those leases, licenses, easements or rights-of-way used in the operation of the Business, together with all fixtures, fittings, buildings, structures and other improvements erected therein or thereon and all appurtenances thereto (the "Real Property"). The Real Property includes but is not necessarily limited to the property described in Schedule 3.4.

3.5 Tangible Personal Property. Tangible Personal Property is all such property as defined in Schedule 1, Definition of Tangible Personal Property.

3.6 Contracts. Set forth on Schedule 3.6 is a complete and correct list of all Contracts related to the Business to which Seller is a party. Seller has delivered or caused to be delivered to Buyer correct and complete copies of each Contract (including all amendments thereto), a description of the terms of each Contract which is not in writing, and all documents affecting the rights or obligations of any party thereto. The Contracts have not been modified or amended except as disclosed on Schedule 3.6. Each Contract is valid and enforceable against Seller in accordance with its terms and is in full force and effect, and each Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the other parties thereto,

enforceable against them in accordance with its terms. No default and no event which, with the giving of notice, lapse of time, or both, would be a default has occurred under any Contract. There are no setoffs, counterclaims or disputes existing or asserted with respect to such Contracts, and Seller has not made any agreement with any other party thereto for any deduction from or increase to any amount payable thereunder. There are no facts, events or occurrences which in any way impair the validity or enforcement of any Contract or tend to reduce or increase the amounts payable thereunder. Seller has not, directly or indirectly, by operation of Law or otherwise, transferred or assigned all or any part of its right, title or interest in and to any Contract to any other Person. There are no Proceedings pending nor threatened against any party to any of the Contracts which relate to the subject matter of the Contracts.

3.7 Environmental Matters.

Except as set forth on Schedule 3.7(a):

(a) Seller is and at all times has been in full compliance with and has not been and is not in violation of or liable under any applicable Environmental Law. Seller has no basis to expect nor has it received any actual or threatened Order, notice or other communication from any Governmental Authority or private citizen acting in the public interest of any actual or potential violation or failure to comply with any Environmental Law or of any actual or threatened obligation to undertake or bear the cost of any Environmental, Health and Safety Liabilities with respect to the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed) in which Seller has or has had an interest or with respect to the Real Property or any other real property at or to which Hazardous Materials were generated, manufactured, refined, transferred, imported, used or processed by Seller or any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held responsible, or from which Hazardous Materials have been transported, treated, stored, handled, transferred, disposed, recycled or received.

(b) There are no pending or threatened claims, Encumbrances or other restrictions of any nature, resulting from any Environmental, Health and Safety Liabilities or arising under or pursuant to any Environmental Law with respect to or affecting the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed) in which Seller has or had an interest.

(c) Neither Seller nor any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held to be responsible has received any citation, directive, inquiry, notice, Order, summons, warning or other communication that relates to Hazardous Activity, Hazardous Materials or any alleged, actual or potential violation or failure to comply with any Environmental Law or of any alleged, actual or potential obligation to undertake or bear the cost of any Environmental, Health and Safety Liabilities with respect to the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed) in which Seller has or has had an interest or with respect to any other real property to which Hazardous Materials generated, manufactured, refined, transferred, imported, used or processed by Seller or any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held responsible, have been transported, treated, stored, handled, transferred, disposed, recycled or received.

(d) Neither Seller nor any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held to be responsible has any Environmental, Health and Safety Liabilities with respect to the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed) in which Seller (or any predecessor) has or has had an interest or at any property geologically or hydrologically adjoining the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed).

(e) There are no Hazardous Materials present on or in the Environment at the Real Property or at any geologically or hydrologically adjoining property, including any Hazardous Materials contained in barrels, above or underground storage tanks, landfills, land deposits, dumps, equipment (whether moveable or fixed) or other containers, either temporary or permanent and deposited or located in land, water, sumps or any other part of the Real Property or such adjoining property or incorporated into any structure therein or thereon. Neither Seller nor any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held to be responsible has permitted or conducted, or is aware of, any Hazardous Activity conducted with respect to the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed) in which Seller has or has had an interest except in material compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws.

(f) There has been no Release or threat of Release, of any Hazardous Materials at or from the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed) in which Seller has or has had an interest, or any geologically or hydrologically adjoining property, whether by Seller or any other Person.

(g) Seller has delivered to Buyer true and complete copies and results of any reports, studies, analyses, tests or monitoring possessed or initiated by Seller pertaining to Hazardous Materials or Hazardous Activities in, on or under the Real Property, or concerning compliance by Seller or any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held to be responsible, with Environmental Laws, said reports, studies, etc. to include without limitation, any and all Phase I environmental reports now or hereafter in the possession or control of Seller.

3.8 Permits. Set forth on Schedule 3.8 is a complete and correct list of all Permits used by Seller in the operation of the Business. Such Permits constitute all Permits necessary for the operation of the Business and all such Permits are valid and subsisting and in full force and effect. There exists no fact or circumstance which is reasonably likely to cause any Permit to be revoked or materially altered after the Closing Date.

3.9 Insurance. Seller maintains and has maintained appropriate insurance necessary for the full protection of all of its Assets, Business, operations, products and services. All such policies are in full force and effect and Seller will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such policies to be outstanding and in full force and effect up to the Effective Time on the Closing Date and the premiums therefor have been paid in full as they become due and payable. There are no pending Proceedings arising out of, based upon or with respect to any of such policies of insurance and no basis for any such Proceedings exists which will result in an Encumbrance against the Assets, Business, operations, products or services. Seller is not in default with respect to any provisions contained in any such insurance policies and no insurance provider is in default with respect to such insurance policies.

3.10 No Material Adverse Change. There have been no material adverse changes in the Business or Assets nor has there been any material adverse change in the relationships Seller maintains with its customers, employees and Governmental Authorities nor are there any events, transactions or other facts which exist or have occurred and which are likely to have an adverse effect on the foregoing.

3.11 Conduct of Business In Ordinary Course. Seller has operated the Business only in the ordinary course of business. Without limitation of the foregoing, since such date, Seller has not entered into, amended, terminated or received notice of termination of any Contract or Permit.

3.12 Proceedings. Other than as set forth on Schedule 3.12, there are no Proceedings pending or threatened against Seller or directly affecting any of the Assets or the Business by or on account of any Person or before any Governmental Authority and there is no valid basis for any such Proceeding. Seller has not been charged with, nor is it under investigation with respect to any charge which has not been resolved to their favor concerning any violation of any applicable Law with respect to any of the Assets or the Business and there is no valid basis for any such charge or investigation. No judgment, Order, writ, injunction, decree, assessment or other command of any Governmental Authority affecting Seller or any of the Assets or the Business has been entered which is presently in effect. There is no Proceeding pending or threatened which challenges the validity of this Agreement or the Contemplated Transaction or otherwise seeks to prevent, directly or indirectly, the consummation of the Contemplated Transaction, nor is there any valid basis for any such Proceeding.

3.13 Compliance with Laws. Seller is in compliance with all Laws applicable to the Assets and the operation of the Business and has not committed any violation of any Law applicable to the Assets and/or operation of the Business. Seller has not received any notice or other communication (whether oral or written) from any Governmental Authority or any other Person regarding (i) any actual, alleged, possible or potential violation of, or failure to comply with, any Law or (ii) any actual, alleged, possible or potential obligation on the part of Seller to undertake, or to bear all or any portion of the cost of, any remedial action of any nature. The Assets, in their current condition, are capable of complying with all Laws.

3.14 Material Omissions. Independent of and in addition to the foregoing representations and warranties contained in this Article 3, neither this Agreement nor any written statement, list, certificate or other information furnished by or on behalf of Seller in response to specific written requests made by Buyer or Buyer's representatives or attorneys contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading.

ARTICLE 4 Representations and Warranties of Buyer

Buyer hereby makes the following representations and warranties to Seller:

4.1 Organization. Buyer is a duly organized and validly existing public utility corporation under the Laws of the State of Kentucky and at Closing has the power and authority to own, lease and operate its assets and to conduct this Business as it is now being conducted.

4.2 Enforcement; Authority; No Conflict.

(a) This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Buyer, enforceable against Buyer in accordance with its terms. Buyer has the absolute and unrestricted right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Transaction Documents to which it is a party and to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and such action has been duly authorized by all necessary action by Buyer's board of directors.

(b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, nor the consummation of the Contemplated Transaction nor compliance by Buyer with any of the provisions hereof will result in: (i) a violation of or a conflict with any provision of the Organizational Documents of Buyer; (ii) a material breach of or default under any term, condition or provision of any Contract to which Buyer is a party, or an event which, with the giving of notice, lapse of time, or both, would result in any such breach or default; (iii) a material violation of any applicable Law, Order, judgment, writ, injunction, decree or award or any event which, with the giving of notice, lapse of time, or both, would result in any such violation; or (iv) any Person having the right to enjoin, rescind or otherwise prevent or impede the Contemplated Transaction or to obtain Damages from Seller or to obtain any other judicial or administrative relief.

4.3 Proceedings. There is no Proceeding pending nor, to the Knowledge of Buyer, threatened which challenges the validity of this Agreement or the Contemplated Transaction or otherwise seeks to prevent, directly or indirectly, the consummation of such transactions, nor, to the Knowledge of Buyer, is there a valid basis for any such Proceeding.

ARTICLE 5 Conditions Precedent to Closing

5.1 Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of Buyer. Buyer's obligations to consummate the Contemplated Transaction are subject to the satisfaction in full, unless expressly waived in writing by Buyer, of each of the following conditions:

(a) Representations and Warranties. Each of the representations and warranties of Seller contained in Article 3 is true, correct and accurate from the Effective Date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date shall be true, correct and accurate as though restated on and as of such date (except in the case of any representation and warranty that by its terms is made as of a date specified therein, which shall be accurate as of such date);

(b) Covenants. Seller shall have performed and complied with all covenants required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by them prior to or at the Closing;

(c) Proceedings. No Order shall be in effect and no Proceeding by any Person shall be threatened or pending before any Governmental Authority, or before any arbitrator, wherein an unfavorable Order would: (i) prevent consummation of the Contemplated Transaction; (ii) have a

likelihood of causing the Contemplated Transaction to be rescinded following consummation; (iii) adversely affect the right of Buyer to own any of the Assets; or (iv) adversely affect the Business prospects, value or condition of any of the Assets or the Business;

(d) Approvals. Buyer shall have received prior to Closing; (i) an Order from the Public Service Commission (PSC) approving the requested change of control and allowing the use of Seller's water tariff rates for the provision of water service to Seller's customers and the encumbrance of the Real Property with the lien of its mortgage indenture; and ii) all other regulatory approvals required by any Governmental Authority to operate the Business within the Service Area.

(e) Closing Deliveries. Seller shall have delivered to Buyer the Closing requirements set forth in Section 2.6(a);

(f) Due Diligence. Buyer shall be satisfied, in its sole and absolute discretion, with the results of its due diligence review of the Business, the Assets and the Seller, including without limitation, satisfaction with the results of any environmental assessment performed with respect to the Assets.

(g) No Adverse Change. Buyer has determined that there has not been any adverse change in the Business, the Assets, financial condition or Business prospects of Seller and that there is no adverse change in the relationships maintained by Seller with its employees, suppliers, customers or Governmental Authorities as of Closing;

(h) Board Approval. Buyer shall have obtained approval of the Contemplated Transaction by Buyer's board of directors.

(i) Resolution of Meter Charges Litigation. Seller remains solely responsible for the payment of any judgement or settlement related to the current meter charges litigation (pending in the Rockcastle Circuit Court Division 2 as Civil Action No. 16-CI-00265) including attorneys' fees and shall provide proof of satisfaction of any such judgment or settlement in a form satisfactory to Buyer.

5.2 Conditions Precedent to Obligations of Seller. The Seller's obligation to consummate the Contemplated Transaction is subject to the satisfaction in full, unless expressly waived in writing by Seller, of each of the following conditions:

(a) Representations and Warranties. Each of the representations and warranties of Buyer contained in Article 4 is true, correct and accurate as of the date of this Agreement and, as of the Closing Date, shall be true, correct and accurate as though restated on and as of such date (except in the case of any representation and warranty that by its terms is made as of a date specified therein, which shall be accurate as of such date);

(b) Covenants. Buyer shall have performed and complied with all covenants required by this Agreement to be performed and complied with by Buyer prior to or at Closing;

(c) Buyer's Service Obligations. Seller shall be satisfied that, based on: (i) Buyer's tariff on file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission; (ii) Buyer's statutory obligations under Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 278; and (iii) Buyer's regulatory obligations under Chapter 5 of Title 807 of the Kentucky Administrative Regulations, Buyer's service obligations to Seller's water customers, including the continuity, reliability and extension of service, will be satisfactory; and

(d) Closing Deliveries. The Buyer shall have delivered to Seller the Closing requirements set forth in Section 2.6(b).

ARTICLE 6 Covenants and Special Agreements

6.1 Covenants of Seller Prior to Closing. Seller covenants and agrees that during the period from the Effective Date hereof until Closing:

(a) Non-Solicitation. Unless and until such time as this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Article 8, Seller shall not, and will cause each employee, officer, governing body, and agent not to, directly or indirectly: (i) submit, solicit, initiate, encourage or discuss any proposal or offer from any Person relating to any sale of all or any portion of the Assets or a sublease or assignment of any lease or any similar transaction involving Seller and the Business or the Assets; (ii) enter into any agreement or commitment related to any such transaction; or (iii) furnish any information with respect to or assist or participate in or facilitate in any other manner any effort or attempt by any Person to do or seek any of the foregoing. Seller shall notify Buyer immediately if any Person makes any proposal, offer, inquiry or contact with respect to any of the foregoing.

(b) Access. Upon reasonable prior notice by Buyer, Seller shall: (i) furnish Buyer and its financial and legal advisors with copies of all such Contracts, books and Records and other existing documents and data as Buyer may reasonably request; (ii) furnish Buyer and its financial and legal advisors with such additional financial, operating and other data and information as Buyer may reasonably request; (iii) permit Buyer or its representatives to conduct such physical inspections and environmental audits of the Real Property, as requested by Buyer; and (iv) permit Buyer or its representatives to conduct interviews of employees of Seller.

(c) Ordinary Course. Seller shall carry on the operation of the Business in the ordinary course of business, consistent with prior practice, not introduce any materially new method of management or operation, and use reasonable efforts to preserve the Business and conserve the goodwill and relationships of Seller's customers, suppliers, Governmental Authorities and others having business relations with it. Seller shall not engage in any activity or transaction which is inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

(d) Liens; Encumbrances. Seller shall not enter into or assume any mortgage, pledge, security agreement or other title retention agreement or permit any Encumbrance to attach to any of the Assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired.

(e) All Reasonable Efforts. Seller will use commercially reasonable efforts to satisfy each of the conditions for Closing of the Buyer set forth in Section 5.1 above.

(f) Further Covenants.

(i) Reports. Seller shall duly and timely file all reports required to be filed with any Governmental Authority and will promptly pay when due all Taxes, assessments and governmental charges including interest and penalties levied or assessed, unless diligently contested in good faith by appropriate Proceedings;

(ii) Condition of Property. Consistent with past practice, Seller shall maintain and keep the Assets in substantially the same condition as of the date hereof, normal wear and tear excepted;

(iii) Insurance. Seller shall maintain in full force and effect all policies of insurance now in effect up and through the Effective Time on the Closing Date, but not thereafter;

(iv) No Breach or Default of Contracts. Seller shall not do any act or omit any act or permit any omission to act which will cause a breach or default by Seller of any Contract;

(v) Supplies. Seller shall keep supplies at a level sufficient to operate the Business in accordance with past practice;

(vi) Contracts. Seller shall not enter into any Contract other than in the ordinary course of business; and

(vii) Related Person Transactions. Seller shall not enter into any transaction with any Related Person.

6.2 Environmental Assessment. Buyer, in its sole discretion and at its sole expense, may conduct a Phase I environmental analysis of any or all of the Real Property, and the Seller shall cooperate and provide access for same. In the event that a Phase I study detects any actual or possible violation of any Environmental Law, the Buyer may, in its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement the effect of which is described in Section 8.2 herein.

6.3 Certain Post-Closing Covenants of Seller.

(a) Seller:

(i) shall pay in a timely manner all Taxes resulting from or payable in connection with the sale of the Assets pursuant to this Agreement, regardless of the Person on whom such Taxes are imposed.

(ii) shall pay, or make adequate provisions for the payment, in full, of all of the retained Liabilities and other Liabilities of Seller under this Agreement.

(iii) hereby agrees to cooperate with Buyer to ensure a proper transition of all customers with respect to billing and customer service activities.

(iv) hereby acknowledges that Buyer must comply with all provisions of its tariffs as filed with and approved by the PSC.

**ARTICLE 7
Indemnification**

7.1 Survival; Right to Indemnification Not Affected by Knowledge. All representations, warranties, covenants and obligations of Seller given in this Agreement and/or any Transaction Document delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall survive Closing. The right to indemnification, payment of Damages or other remedy based on such representations, warranties, covenants and obligations will not be affected by any investigation conducted with respect to or any Knowledge acquired (or capable of being acquired) at any time, whether before or after the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Closing Date, with respect to the accuracy or inaccuracy of or compliance with, any such representation, warranty, covenant or obligation. The waiver of any condition based on the accuracy of any representation or warranty or on the performance of or compliance with any covenant or obligation will not affect the right to indemnification, payment of Damages or other remedy based on such representations, warranties, covenants and obligations.

7.2 Indemnification and Payment of Damages by Seller. Seller hereby unconditionally, irrevocably and absolutely agrees to fully pay, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Buyer and Buyer's past, present and future officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Indemnified Persons"), from any and all manner of actions, suits, debts, sums of money, interest owed, accounts, controversies, agreements, charges, damages, judgments, executions, and reasonably incurred costs, expenses, fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), counterclaims, claims, demands, causes of action, liabilities and losses and award all other Liabilities incurred, paid or sustained by any of the foregoing (hereinafter referred to in this Agreement as "Damages"), in each case, arising out of, or caused by: (i) the misrepresentation, breach of warranty or nonfulfillment of any provision of this Agreement by Seller or; (ii) all Liabilities and/or duties of Seller, whether accruing prior to or after the Effective Time on the Closing Date, and any Encumbrance affecting the Assets; (iii) assessments, charges and other similar claims due or owing, directly or indirectly, by Seller or otherwise as a result of or on account of the Assets or the Business at any time prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date; (iv) the ownership and/or operation of any of the Assets or the Business prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date; (v) any claim or Proceeding now existing or hereafter arising and relating to the Assets or the Business of Seller and arising from events or matters occurring prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date; and (vi) any claim by an employee of Seller for any severance payment or arising out of such employee's employment with Seller or under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, COBRA (Sections 601 through

608 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), or under any employee benefit plan or employment Contract to which Seller is a party.

7.3 Indemnification and Payment of Damages by Seller - Environmental Matters. In addition to the provisions of Section 7.2, Seller hereby unconditionally, irrevocably and absolutely agrees to fully pay, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Persons, and will pay to the Indemnified Persons the amount of any Damages (including costs of cleanup, containment or other remediation) arising, directly or indirectly, from or in connection with:

(a) Any Environmental, Health and Safety Liabilities arising out of or relating to: (i) (A) the ownership, operation or condition at any time on or prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date of the Assets or any other properties (whether real, personal or mixed and whether tangible or intangible) in which Seller has or had an interest; or (B) any Hazardous Materials or other contaminants that were present on or in the Assets or any other properties at any time on or prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date; or (ii) (A) any Hazardous Materials or other contaminants, wherever located, that were, or were allegedly, generated, transported, stored, treated, Released or otherwise handled by Seller or by any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held responsible at any time on or prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date; or (B) any Hazardous Activities that were, or were allegedly, conducted by Seller or by any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held responsible on or prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date; or

(b) Any bodily injury (including illness, disability and death), personal injury, property damage (including trespass, nuisance, wrongful eviction and deprivation of the use of real property) or other damage of or to any Person, including any employee or former employee of Seller or any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held responsible, in any way arising from or allegedly arising from any Hazardous Activity conducted or allegedly conducted with respect to the Assets or the Real Property by Seller prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date, or from Hazardous Material that was: (i) present or suspected to be present on or before the Effective Time on the Closing Date on or at the Real Property (or present or suspected to be present on any other property, if such Hazardous Material emanated or allegedly emanated from any of the Real Property and was present or suspected to be present on any of the Real Property on or prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date); or (ii) Released or allegedly Released by Seller or any other Person for whose conduct it is or may be held responsible, at any time on or prior to the Effective Time on the Closing Date.

Buyer shall control any Cleanup, any related Proceeding and, except as provided in the following sentence, any other Proceeding with respect to which indemnity may be sought under this Section 7.3. The procedure described in Section 7.5 will apply to any claim solely for monetary Damages relating to a matter covered by this Section 7.3.

7.4 Indemnification By Buyer. Buyer hereby unconditionally, irrevocably and absolutely agrees to fully pay, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Seller and Seller's past, present and future officers, governing body, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, successors and assigns from any and all Damages arising out of, or caused by: (i) Buyer's misrepresentation, breach of warranty or nonfulfillment of any provision of this Agreement; (ii) any claim or Proceeding arising after the Effective Time on the Closing Date and relating to events or matters occurring subsequent to the Effective Time on the Closing Date; and (iii) any claim by an employee of Buyer arising out of such employee's employment with Buyer after the Effective Time on the Closing Date.

7.5 Procedure for Indemnification. The procedure for indemnification shall be as follows:

(a) The party claiming indemnification (the "Claimant") shall promptly give notice to the party from whom indemnification is claimed (the "Indemnifying Party") of any claim, whether between the parties or brought by a third party, specifying: (i) the factual basis for such claim; and (ii) the amount of the claim. If the claim relates to a Proceeding filed by a third party against Claimant, Claimant shall give such notice within ten (10) Business Days after written notice of such Proceeding was given to Claimant. Claimant's failure to give the Indemnifying Party such notice shall not preclude Claimant from obtaining indemnification from the Indemnifying Party unless Claimant's failure has materially prejudiced

the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend the claim or litigation, and then the Indemnifying Party's obligation shall be reduced to the extent of such prejudice.

(b) Following receipt of notice from the Claimant of a claim, the Indemnifying Party shall have thirty (30) days to make such investigation of the claim as the Indemnifying Party deems necessary or desirable. For the purposes of such investigation, the Claimant agrees to make available to the Indemnifying Party and/or its authorized representatives the information relied upon by the Claimant to substantiate the claim. If the Claimant and the Indemnifying Party agree at or prior to the expiration of said thirty (30)-day period (or any mutually agreed upon extension thereof) to the validity and amount of such claim, the Indemnifying Party shall immediately pay to the Claimant the full amount of the claim. If the Claimant and the Indemnifying Party do not agree within said period (or any mutually agreed upon extension thereof), the Claimant may seek appropriate legal remedy.

(c) (i) With respect to any claim by a third party as to which the Claimant asserts it is entitled to indemnification hereunder, the Indemnifying Party shall have the right, at its own expense, to participate in or at its election to assume control of the defense of such claim, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to Claimant, subject to reimbursement of Claimant for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Claimant as the result of request by the Indemnifying Party, subject to the following;

(A) The Claimant may retain separate co-counsel at its sole cost and expense and participate in the defense of any such claim by a third party; and

(B) The Indemnifying Party shall conduct the defense of the third party claim actively and diligently thereafter.

(ii) If the Indemnifying Party elects to assume control of the defense of any third party claim pursuant to Section 7.5(c)(i), the Indemnifying Party may nevertheless reserve the right to dispute the amount of indemnification claimed or dispute Claimant's right to be indemnified with respect to all or any portion of the claim. Except with the written Consent of the Claimant, the Indemnifying Party shall not, in defending any claim or any litigation resulting therefrom, consent to entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement which does not release the Claimant from all Liability in respect of such claim or litigation. In the event the Claimant fails to consent to any settlement or compromise which such failure results in Damages in excess of the amount for which Consent was requested, the limitation of the Indemnifying Party's obligations to indemnify the Claimant with respect to the subject matter of the claim shall be the amount of the proposed settlement or compromise rejected by Claimant and the Claimant shall be responsible for, and shall hold harmless the Indemnifying Party from, all Damages (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees incurred with respect to matters subsequent to the rejection of the settlement by Claimant) in excess of the amount of the proposed settlement or compromise rejected by Claimant.

(d) If a claim, whether between the parties or by a third party, requires immediate action, the parties will make every effort to reach a decision with respect thereto as expeditiously as possible.

7.6 Means of Indemnification and Right to Setoff. In addition to any other right or means Buyer may have to enforce the indemnities provided for in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 hereof, Buyer shall be entitled to set off any amount to which it may be entitled under this Agreement or Damages which Buyer may incur as a result of any breach of this Agreement or any covenant, guaranty or other provision contained within this Agreement against any payments of the Purchase Price and/or any indebtedness or obligation owed to Seller whether under this Agreement or any agreement or document related hereto. Buyer's right to setoff or its exercise thereof shall not prejudice the right of Buyer to pursue, in addition or as an alternative to such right, any other right or means Buyer may have to enforce the indemnification provided for in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 hereof and in no event shall the amount actually setoff limit Buyer's right to indemnification under Sections 7.2 and 7.3 hereof.

ARTICLE 8 Termination

8.1 Termination and Abandonment. This Agreement may be terminated and abandoned at any time prior to the Closing Date:

- (a) by mutual written Consent of Buyer and Seller; or
- (b) by Buyer, if the PSC does not approve the adoption or approval of water rates prior to the Closing Date or such other later date as agreed upon in writing.

8.2 Effect of Termination. The right of each party to terminate this Agreement under Section 8.1 is in addition to any other rights such party may have under this Agreement or otherwise, and the exercise of a right of termination will not be an election of remedies. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 8.1, all further obligations of the parties under this Agreement will terminate, except that the obligations set forth in Sections 9.9 ("Legal Fees; Costs") and 9.15 ("Publicity; Announcements"); and all other covenants and agreements which by their terms continue after the termination of this Agreement will survive; provided, however, that if this Agreement is terminated by a party because of the breach of the Agreement by another party or because one (1) or more of the conditions to the terminating party's obligations under this Agreement is not satisfied as a result of the other party's failure to comply with its obligations under this Agreement, the terminating party's right to pursue all legal remedies will survive such termination unimpaired.

ARTICLE 9 General Provisions

9.1 Amendment and Modification. No amendment, modification, supplement, termination, Consent or waiver of any section or provision of this Agreement, nor any Consent for departure therefrom, will in any event be effective unless the same is in writing and is signed by the parties. Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement and any Consent to any departure from the terms of any provision of this Agreement is to be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

9.2 Assignments. Seller may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any other Person without the prior written Consent of Buyer. Buyer may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Related Person or successor in interest without the Consent of Seller.

9.3 Captions. Captions contained in this Agreement and any table of contents preceding this Agreement have been inserted herein only as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit, extend or describe the scope of this Agreement or the intent of any provision hereof.

9.4 Counterparts; Electronic Mail. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto on any number of separate counterparts, and all such counterparts so executed constitute one agreement binding on all the parties hereto notwithstanding that all the parties hereto are not signatories to the same counterpart. For purposes of this Agreement, a document (or signature page thereto) signed and transmitted in .pdf format by electronic mail is to be treated as an original document. The signature of any party thereon is to be considered as an original signature, and the document transmitted is to be considered to have the same binding effect as an original signature on an original document. At the request of any party hereto, the .pdf copy is to be re-executed in original form by the parties who executed the .pdf copy. No party hereto may raise the use of a .pdf copy or the fact that any signature was transmitted through the use of electronic mail as a defense to the enforcement of this Agreement or any amendment or other document executed in compliance with this section.

9.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the other Transaction Documents constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, letters of intent, understandings, negotiations and discussions of the parties hereto, whether oral or written.

9.6 Exhibits and Schedules. All of the Exhibits and Schedules attached to this Agreement are deemed incorporated herein by reference.

9.7 Failure or Delay. Except as otherwise provided by this Agreement, no failure on the part of any party hereto to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or privilege hereunder operates as a waiver thereof; nor does any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof, or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. No notice to or demand on any party hereto in any case entitles such party to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

9.8 Governing Law. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder are to be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the Laws of the State of Kentucky applicable to Contracts made and to be performed wholly within Kentucky, without regard to choice or conflict of Laws rules. In the event of any litigation or claim regarding this Agreement, the parties agree that the PSC has jurisdiction to govern all matters involving the Contemplated Transaction and the provision of water service by Buyer to the residents located within the Service Area.

9.9 Legal Fees, Costs. All legal, consulting and advisory fees and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the Contemplated Transaction are to be paid by the party incurring such costs and expenses; provided, however, in the event litigation is instituted by either party to enforce or remedy a breach of any provision of this Agreement, in addition to any other relief therein awarded, the prevailing party shall be entitled to judgment for reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses. The term "prevailing party" shall include, but not be limited to, a party who obtains legal counsel or brings an action against the other by reason of the other's breach or default and obtains substantially the relief sought whether by compromise, mediation, settlement, judgment or otherwise.

9.10 Notices. All notices, Consents, requests, demands and other communications hereunder are to be in writing and are deemed to have been duly given, made or delivered: (i) when delivered in person, (ii) three (3) days after deposited in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, (iii) in the case of telegraph or overnight courier services, one (1) Business Day after delivery to the telegraph company or overnight courier service with payment provided, or (iv) in the case of electronic mail, when sent, verification received, in each case addressed as follows:

if to Seller:

Attn: President
Eastern Rockcastle Water Association
P.O. Box 540
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

if to Buyer:

Attn: President
Kentucky-American Water Company
2300 Richmond Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Attn: Corporate Counsel
Kentucky-American Water Company
2300 Richmond Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

or to such other address as any party hereto may designate by notice to the other parties in accordance with the terms of this Section. For e-mail, a Party shall contact the other Party to receive the then-applicable e-mail for the person in the position stated above.

9.11 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited, unenforceable or not authorized in any jurisdiction is, as to such jurisdiction, ineffective to the extent of any such prohibition, unenforceability or nonauthorization without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, or affecting the validity, enforceability or legality of such provision in any other jurisdiction, unless the ineffectiveness of such provision would result in such a material change as to cause completion of the Contemplated Transaction to be unreasonable.

9.12 Specific Performance and Injunctive Relief. The parties hereto recognize that if any or all of them fail to perform, observe or discharge any of their respective obligations under this Agreement, a remedy at Law may not provide adequate relief to the other parties hereto. Therefore, in addition to any other remedy provided for in this Agreement or under applicable Law, any party hereto may demand specific performance of this Agreement, and such party shall be entitled to temporary and permanent injunctive relief, in a court of competent jurisdiction at any time when any of the other parties hereto fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement applicable to such party. To the extent permitted by applicable Law, all parties hereto hereby irrevocably waive any defense based on the adequacy of a remedy at Law which might be asserted as a bar to such party's remedy of specific performance or injunctive relief.

9.13 Successors and Assigns. Subject to Section 9.2, all provisions of this Agreement are binding upon, inure to the benefit of and are enforceable by or against the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives and permitted successors and assigns.

9.14 No Third-Party Beneficiary. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and no other Person has any right, benefit, priority or interest under, or because of the existence of, this Agreement.

9.15 Publicity; Announcements. From the date hereof through and including Closing, no party hereto shall issue, cause or permit the publication by any of their respective Related Persons, agents or representatives, any press release or other public announcement with respect to this Agreement or the Contemplated Transaction except: (i) with the Consent of the other parties hereto (which shall not be unreasonably withheld); or (ii) as required by applicable Law (including, without limitation, any applicable securities Law). Seller will not, without the prior Consent of Buyer, make any announcements to employees of Seller with respect to the Contemplated Transaction and, at such time as an announcement to the employees is made, Buyer shall be allowed to participate in such announcement.

9.16 Cooperation. Any notices or certifications given under this Agreement or any related agreement shall be given in good faith without any intention to unfairly impede or delay the other party. Buyer and Seller shall cooperate fully with each other and their respective counsel and accountants in connection with any actions required to be taken as part of their respective obligations under this Agreement including, without limitation, actions required to be taken with respect to obtaining any applicable regulatory approval of the Contemplated Transaction. Buyer and Seller shall execute such other documents as may be necessary and desirable to the implementation and consummation of this Agreement. Each party agrees to use all reasonable efforts to consummate the Contemplated

Transaction including, without limitation, doing all things reasonably necessary to obtain the requisite regulatory approval.

9.17 Seller's Current Employees. Buyer shall give Seller's two current employees priority employment consideration subject to Buyer's standard hiring practices and procedures applicable to prospective employees. Those standard hiring practices and procedures include, but are not limited to, interviews, examinations, background checks and other screening tests routinely required of Buyer's prospective employees. Seller's employees meeting such requirements will be employed on an at-will basis.

9.18 Payment Location. Buyer agrees to maintain a local payment option in the vicinity of Seller's service area as long as, in Buyer's discretion, operationally necessary and economically practical.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

Buyer

KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, a
Kentucky public utility corporation

By: _____

Nick Rowe, President

Seller

EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER
ASSOCIATION, a Kentucky water association

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Schedule 1 Definitions

"Assets" as defined in Section 2.1.

"Agreement" as defined in the introductory paragraph.

"Assignment and Assumption Agreement" as defined in Section 2.7(a)(ii).

"Bill of Sale" as defined in Section 2.7(a)(i).

"Business" as defined in the Recitals.

"Business Days" means any day other than (i) Saturday or Sunday, or (ii) any other day on which governmental offices in the State of Indiana are permitted or required to be closed.

"Buyer" as defined in the introductory paragraph.

"Claimant" as defined in Section 7.5(a).

"Closing" as defined in Section 2.6.

"Closing Date" as defined in Section 2.6.

"Confidential Information" means (i) information not available to the general public concerning the Business and financial affairs with respect to a party hereto, and (ii) analyses, compilations, forecasts, studies and other documents prepared on the basis of such information by the parties or their agents, representatives, any Related Person, employees or consultants.

"Consent" means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization.

"Contemplated Transaction" means all of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Transaction Documents.

"Contract" means any agreement, contract, obligation, promise or undertaking (whether written or oral and whether express or implied), whether or not legally binding.

"Customer Premises" means a dwelling, building, structure or parcel of real estate which water service is provided.

"Customer Service Connection" means that portion of water pipe extending from the Customer Premises to the company owned collection system which Customer Service Connection shall be owned and maintained by the customer.

"Damages" as defined in Section 7.2.

"Effective Time" as defined in Section 2.6.

"Encumbrance" means any charge, claim, community property interest, condition, easement, equitable interest, lien, mortgage, option, pledge, security interest, right of first refusal, right of way, servitude or restriction of any kind, including any restriction on use, transfer, receipt of income or exercise of any other attribute of ownership, or any repayment obligation under any grant.

"Environment" means soil, land surface or subsurface strata, surface waters (including navigable waters, ocean waters, streams, ponds, drainage basins and wetlands), groundwater, drinking water supply, stream sediments, ambient air (including indoor air), plant and animal life and any other environmental medium or natural resource.

"Environmental, Health and Safety Liabilities" means any cost, Damages, expense, Liability, obligation or other responsibility arising from or under Environmental Law or Occupational Safety and Health Law and consisting of or relating to:

(a) Any environmental, health or safety matters or conditions (including on-site or off-site contamination, occupational safety and health and regulation of chemical substances or products);

(b) Fines, penalties, judgments, awards, settlements, legal or administrative proceedings, Damages, losses, claims, demands and response, investigative, remedial or inspection costs and expenses arising under Environmental Law or Occupational Safety and Health Law;

(c) Financial responsibility under Environmental Law or Occupational Safety and Health Law for cleanup costs or corrective action, including any investigation, cleanup, removal, containment or other remediation or response actions ("Cleanup") required by applicable Environmental Law or Occupational Safety and Health Law (whether or not such Cleanup has been required or requested by any Governmental Authority or any other Person) and for any natural resource Damages; or

(d) Any other compliance, corrective, investigative or remedial measures required under Environmental Law or Occupational Safety and Health Law.

The terms "removal," "remedial," and "response action," include the types of activities covered by the United States Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., as amended ("CERCLA").

"Environmental Law" means any Law that requires or relates to:

(a) Advising appropriate authorities, employees and the public of intended or actual Releases of pollutants or hazardous substances or materials, violations of discharge limits or other prohibitions and of the commencements of activities, such as resource extraction or construction, that could have significant impact on the Environment;

(b) Preventing or reducing to acceptable levels the Release of pollutants or hazardous substances or materials into the Environment;

(c) Reducing the quantities, preventing the release or minimizing the hazardous characteristics of wastes that are generated;

(d) Assuring that products are designed, formulated, packaged and used so that they do not present unreasonable risks to human health or the Environment when used or disposed of;

(e) Protecting resources, species or ecological amenities;

(f) Reducing to acceptable levels the risks inherent in the transportation of hazardous substances, pollutants, oil or other potentially harmful substances;

(g) Cleaning up pollutants that have been Released, preventing the threat of Release or paying the costs of such clean up or prevention; or

(h) Making responsible parties pay private parties, or groups of them, for Damages done to their health or the Environment, or permitting self-appointed representatives of the public interest to recover for injuries done to public assets.

"Excluded Assets" as defined in Section 2.2.

"Governmental Authority(ies)" means any:

(a) Nation, state, county, city, town, village, district or other jurisdiction of any nature;

- (b) Federal, state, local, municipal, foreign or other government;
- (c) Governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official or entity and any court or other tribunal);
- (d) Multi-national organization or body; or
- (e) Body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory or taxing authority or power of any nature.

"Hazardous Activity" means the distribution, generation, handling, importing, management, manufacturing, processing, production, refinement, Release, storage, transfer, transportation, treatment or use (including any withdrawal or other use of groundwater) of Hazardous Materials in, on, under, about or from the property or any part thereof into the Environment, and any other act, business, operation or thing that increases the danger or risk of danger, or poses an unreasonable risk of harm to persons or property on or off the property, or that may affect the value of the property or Seller.

"Hazardous Materials" means any waste or other substance that is listed, defined, designated or classified as, or otherwise determined to be, hazardous, radioactive or toxic or a pollutant or a contaminant under or pursuant to any Environmental Law, including any admixture or solution thereof, and specifically including petroleum and all derivatives thereof or synthetic substitutes therefor and asbestos or asbestos-containing materials.

"Indemnifying Party" as defined in Section 7.5(a).

"Knowledge" means an individual will be deemed to have "Knowledge" of a particular fact or other matter if:

- (a) Such individual is actually aware of such fact or other matter; or
- (b) A prudent individual could be expected to discover or otherwise become aware of such fact or other matter in the course of conducting a reasonable investigation concerning the existence of such fact or other matter.

A Person (other than an individual) will be deemed to have "Knowledge" of a particular fact or other matter if any individual who is serving as a director or officer of such Person (or in any similar executive capacity) has, or at any time had, Knowledge of such fact or other matter.

"Law" means any law, rule, regulation or ordinance of any federal, foreign, state or local Governmental Authority.

"Liability" with respect to any Person any liability or obligation of such Person for any kind, character or description, whether known or unknown, absolute or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, disputed or undisputed, liquidated or unliquidated, secured or unsecured, joint or several, due or to become due, vested or unvested, executory, determined, determinable or otherwise and whether or not the same is required to be accrued on the financial statements of such Person.

"Occupational Safety and Health Law" means any Law designed to provide safe and healthful working conditions and to reduce occupational safety and health hazards, and any program, whether governmental or private (including those promulgated or sponsored by industry associations and insurance companies), designed to provide safe and healthful working conditions.

"Order" means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena or verdict entered, issued, made or rendered by any court, administrative agency or other Governmental Authority or by any arbitrator.

"Organizational Documents" means the articles or certificate of incorporation and the bylaws of a corporation and any amendment thereto.

"Permit" means any approval, Consent, license, permit, waiver or other authorization issued, granted, given or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Authority or pursuant to any Law.

"Person" means any individual, corporation (including any non-profit corporation), general or limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, estate, trust, association, organization, labor union or other entity or Governmental Authority.

"Proceeding" means any action, arbitration, audit, hearing, investigation, litigation or suit (whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or informal) commenced, brought, conducted or heard by or before, or otherwise involving, any Governmental Authority or arbitrator.

"Purchase Price" as defined in Section 2.3.

"Real Property" as defined in Section 3.4.

"Records" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

"Related Person" with respect to a particular individual, means:

- (a) Each other member of such individual's Family (as hereinafter defined);
- (b) Any Person that is directly or indirectly controlled by such individual or one or more members of such individual's Family;
- (c) Any Person in which such individual or members of such individual's Family hold (individually or in the aggregate) a Material Interest; and
- (d) Any Person with respect to which such individual or one or more members of such individual's Family serves as a director, officer, partner, executor or trustee (or in a similar capacity).

With respect to a specified Person other than an individual:

- (e) Any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is directly or indirectly controlled by, or is directly or indirectly under common control with such specified Person;
- (f) Any Person that holds a Material Interest in such specified Person;
- (g) Each Person that serves as a director, officer, partner, executor or trustee of such specified Person (or in a similar capacity);
- (h) Any Person in which such specified Person holds a Material Interest;
- (i) Any Person with respect to which such specified Person serves as a general partner or a trustee (or in a similar capacity); and
- (j) Any Related Person of any individual described in clause (b) or (c).

For purposes of this definition, (i) the "Family" of an individual includes (A) the individual, (B) the individual's spouse, (C) any other natural person who is related to the individual or the individual's spouse within the second degree, and (D) any other natural person who resides with such individual; and (ii) "Material Interest" means direct or indirect beneficial ownership (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of voting securities or other voting interests representing at least five percent (5%) of the outstanding equity securities or equity interests in a Person.

"Release" means any spilling, leaking, emitting, discharging, depositing, escaping, leaching, dumping or other releasing into the Environment, whether intentional or unintentional.

"Seller" shall have the meaning given that term in the introductory paragraph.

"Service Area" as defined in the Recitals.

"Service Line" means that portion of water pipe extending from the water main to and including the curb stop and curb box located at or near the property line of a Customer Premises.

"Tangible Personal Property" means all wells, treatment plants, pumps, water transmission and distribution mains, valves and appurtenances, storage tanks, Service Lines, meters, meter installations, hydrants, machinery, equipment, tools, furniture, office equipment, computer hardware, supplies (including chemicals and spare parts), materials, vehicles and other items of tangible personal property of every kind owned or leased by Seller (wherever located and whether or not carried on Seller's books), which are, could be, or in the future would be part of the production, transmission and distribution system utilized to provide water service to Seller's water customers, together with any express or implied warranty by the manufacturers or sellers or lessors of any item or component part thereof, and all maintenance Records and other documents relating thereto.

"Tax" means all taxes, charges, withholdings, fees, levies, penalties, additions, interest or other assessments, including, without limitation, income, gross receipts, excise, property, sales, employment, withholding, social security, occupation, use, service, service use, license, payroll, franchise, transfer and recording taxes, fees and charges, windfall profits, severance, customs, import, export, employment or similar taxes, charges, fees, levies or other assessments, imposed by any Governmental Authority, whether computed on a separate, consolidated, unitary, combined or any other basis.

"Transaction Documents" means this Agreement, the Bill of Sale, and all other documents, certificates, assignments and agreements executed and/or delivered in connection with this Agreement in Order to consummate the Contemplated Transaction, as the same may be amended, restated, modified or otherwise replaced by mutual agreement from time to time.

Rules of Construction

For purposes of this Agreement and the other documents executed in connection herewith, the following rules of construction shall apply, unless specifically indicated to the contrary: (i) wherever from the context it appears appropriate, each term stated in either the singular or plural shall include the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, the feminine and the neuter; (ii) the term "or" is not exclusive; (iii) the term "including" (or any form thereof) shall not be limiting or exclusive; (iv) all references to statutes and related regulations shall include any amendments of same and any successor statutes and regulations; (v) all references in this Agreement or in the Schedules to this Agreement to sections, schedules, exhibits and attachments shall refer to the corresponding sections, schedules, exhibits and attachments of or to this Agreement; and (vi) all references to any instruments or agreements, including references to any of the documents executed in connection herewith, shall include any and all modifications or amendments thereto and any and all extensions or renewals thereof.

Schedule 2.2
Excluded Assets

This schedule will be completed to Buyer's satisfaction prior to closing.

**Schedule 3.4
Real Property and Easements**

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Real Property

Easements

Schedule 3.6
Contracts

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Schedule 3.7(a)
Environmental Matters

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Schedule 3.8
Permits

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**Schedule 3.12
Proceedings**

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FOR Areas of Rockcastle County/Jackson County
Served by Eastern Rockcastle Water Association

PSC KY NO. _____

_____ SHEET NO. _____

CANCELLING PSC KY NO. _____

_____ SHEET NO. _____

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association
(NAME OF UTILITY)

SECTION 2: WATER RATES AND CHARGES

3/4" Meter

First 2,000 Gallons
Over 2,000 Gallons

Rates

\$28.28 Minimum Bill
11.53 Per 1,000 Gallons

1" Meter

First 5,000 Gallons
Over 5,000 Gallons

\$62.87 Minimum Bill
11.53 Per 1,000 Gallons

2" Meter

First 15,000 Gallons
Over 15,000 Gallons

\$178.17 Minimum Bill
11.53 Per 1,000 Gallons

Leak Adjustment Rate

Customers average monthly bill plus

\$3.86 Per 1,000 Gallons

DATE OF ISSUE September 17, 2014
MONTH / DATE / YEAR

DATE EFFECTIVE May 15, 2015
MONTH / DATE / YEAR

ISSUED BY [Signature]
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

TITLE President

BY AUTHORITY OF ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO.

_____ DATED _____

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFF R. DEROUEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TARIFF BRANCH <i>Brent Kirtley</i>
EFFECTIVE 5/15/2015 PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:011 SECTION 9 (1)