

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

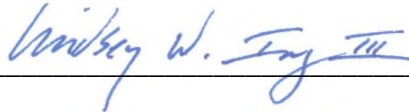
**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
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**THE VERIFIED JOINT APPLICATION OF** )  
**EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION** ) **CASE NO. 2017-00383**  
**AND KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY** )  
**FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL AND ASSETS** )

**JOINT APPLICANTS' STATEMENT REGARDING HEARING**

Kentucky-American Water Company (“KAW”) and Eastern Rockcastle Water Association (“ERWA”) (collectively, the “Joint Applicants”) hereby submit their joint statement regarding the need for a hearing in this matter. On October 17, 2017, the Commission issued a procedural schedule in which a deadline of December 8, 2017 was set for requesting a formal hearing or indicating that the case may be submitted for decision on the existing record. Joint Applicants hereby state that a formal hearing is *not* necessary in this matter and they request that the Commission issue its decision in this case without such a hearing. With their September 22, 2017 Joint Application and supporting materials and the discovery responses Joint Applicants have filed since then, the record is complete and sufficient for the Commission to issue a decision without a hearing. The existing record demonstrates that, as required by KRS 278.020, KAW has the financial, technical, and managerial abilities to serve ERWA customers and that the transaction is in the public interest. Given that fact, Joint Applicants seek to conserve their own time and expense, as well as the Commission’s, that would be expended if a formal hearing is held.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission to move forward and issue a decision in this matter without holding a formal hearing.

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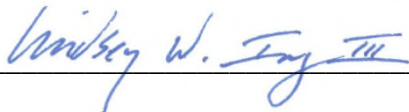
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**CERTIFICATE**

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 December 8, 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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