COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A RATE MECHANISM RELATED TO COST SAVINGS FROM REFINANCING OF LONG-TERM DEBT

CASE NO. 2020-00091

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<u>THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMENTS ON</u> <u>KENTUCKY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO</u> <u>PROVIDE INTEREST EXPENSE SAVINGS TO CUSTOMERS AND</u> <u>REQUEST TO DECIDE THE CASE ON THE RECORD</u>

The intervenor in this proceeding, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention ("Attorney General"), submits the following response to Kentucky-American Water Company's ("KAW") request to provide interest expense savings to customers in the above-styled matter.

The Attorney General applauds the Public Service Commission ("Commission") for initiating this investigation regarding potential cost savings initially addressed in KAW's previous rate case No. 2018-00358. Furthermore, the Attorney General is appreciative of KAW's consideration and proposal of implementing a rate rebate from savings realized through refinancing of debt. For KAW to do so during the current COVID-19 State of Emergency instead of seeking to keep the money is commendable. The Attorney General supports KAW's customer savings rebate plan as submitted in the record on April 8, 2020, and encourages the Commission to approve the plan as proposed, which will return money directly to ratepayers.

Submittal on the Record

The Attorney General further states that he believes this case is ripe for a decision upon the record as submitted but will participate in a hearing if the Commission decides one is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to the Commission's Orders dated March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020 in Case No. 2020-00085, and in accord with all other applicable law, Counsel certifies that an electronic copy of the forgoing was served and filed by e-mail to the following. Further, the Attorney General will submit the paper originals of the foregoing to the Commission within 30 days after the Governor lifts the current state of emergency.

Hon. Lindsey Ingram

This 18th day of May, 2020.

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Assistant Attorney General