COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF OHIO)COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR AN)CASE NO. 2020-00167ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT)

OHIO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

For its response to Commission Staff's Report, Ohio County Water District ("Ohio District") states:

1. Ohio District has no objections to the findings and recommendations contained in Commission Staff's Report and, for purposes of this proceeding only, agrees with those findings and recommendations.

2. Ohio District waives its right to a hearing in this matter.

3. Ohio District accepts the Commission Staff-recommended rates and requests that the Commission promptly enter an order approving those rates.

4. Ohio District should not be required to publish notice of the Commission-Staff recommended rates to its customers as a prerequisite to Commission approval of those rates.

a. 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(3)(f) does not require such notice. It requires a utility to provide notice of Commission Staff-recommended rates only if those rates produce a total increase in revenues that exceeds 110 percent of the total increase in revenues that an applicant's proposed rates would produce. Ohio District proposed rates that would produce additional revenues of \$746,989. The Commission Staff-recommended rates will produce additional revenues of \$798,756, or approximately 6.9 percent more that Ohio District requested. b. Ohio District's customers were on notice that the Commission might established rates that produced revenues greater than the requested rates. In its published notice of the filing of its application for rate adjustment, Ohio District expressly advised its ratepayers that the Commission might order rates that differed from those set forth in the notice.

c. The general public has not voiced any significant opposition to the proposed rates. The record shows only one written objection to the proposed rates. This objection was based upon water quality concerns and not the magnitude of the proposed rate adjustment.

Dated: September 29, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, I certify that Ohio County Water District's electronic filing of this Response is a true and accurate copy of the same document being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Public Service Commission on September 29, 2020; that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that that within 30 days following the termination of the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-215, this Response in paper medium will be delivered to the Public Service Commission.

Gerald E. Wuetcher