COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

Electronic Application by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC for Approval of Financing Pursuant to KRS 278.300

Case No. 2021-00128

Notice re Status of Proposed Application

Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC ("Bluegrass") hereby provides notice to the Commission about the status of its proposed Application for approval of financing pursuant to KRS 278.300. Bluegrass filed its Notice of Election of Use of Electronic Filing Procedures on March 8, 2021, and further gave notice of its intent that Bluegrass would be filing its Application by April 7, 2021. On March 24, 2021, in Bluegrass's currently pending rates case, No. 2020-00290, the Commission issued an order affirming its decision that any rate adjustment would <u>not</u> include the four systems Bluegrass has acquired in accordance with Commission approval in Case No. 2020-00297. Following this ruling by the Commission, the identified lender is reassessing the situation because Bluegrass will still be in a net cash flow negative position even if the rate case is successful, due to the exclusion of the 2020-00297 systems. Bluegrass is approaching other lenders as well, but has had indications that financing will not be available due to the anticipated effects of the exclusion decision. The financing application may not be able to move forward at this time; Bluegrass will further notify the Commission once it becomes clear whether any such lending may be available. Respectfully submitted,

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