BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF WASTEWATER SYSTEM FACILITIES BY BLUEGRASS WATER UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC

Case No. 2021-00265

ORDERING PARAGRAPH 7 REPORT

In compliance with the Kentucky Public Service Commission's Order entered on February 24, 2022, (the "Final Order"), approving Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC's ("Bluegrass Water") Application for the transfer of a wastewater system operated by Darlington Creek Homeowner's Association, Inc. ("Darlington Creek HOA"), and ordering paragraph 7, Bluegrass Water submits the following Status Report listing: (1) discharge quality; (2) number of service interruptions; (3) employee or contractor response times; and (4) any DOW violations or citations for the preceding month. Pursuant to the Final Order, this filing constitutes the final status report due to be submitted in this matter.

(1) <u>Discharge Quality</u>: The Darlington Creek HOA system's effluent is tested quarterly. Testing samples were drawn on 3/21/2023. A Discharge Quality Report from these tests is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Bluegrass Water has entered into an Agreed Order with the Kentucky Department of Water ("DOW") for the Darlington Creek wastewater system that has significant investment needs with a schedule of compliance that Bluegrass Water will work under in order to bring the system into compliance system reliability and safety. Please see Agreed Order, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Bluegrass Water has begun work to bring this system into good repair by repairing or replacing failed system components. The faculty backup generator and various electrical/control systems have been repaired. Additionally, the tertiary filter has been repaired to ensure the system can maintain compliance with suspended solids limits. (2) <u>Number of Service Interruptions</u>: Bluegrass Water received 1 customer work order, 0 service interruptions, and 0 customer complaints regarding customer service during the first year of operations. The single customer work order opened was subsequently cancelled, as the customer meant to call their water company for an issue with their water meter. As a sewer provider, the Company was unable to assist but directed the customer to call their water provider.

(3) <u>Employee or Contractor Response Times</u>: Bluegrass Water's customer service group received 2,101 calls from 9/30/2022 to 2/28/2023, for all the systems served by Bluegrass Water which, as of March 31, 2022, included Darlington Creek. The average wait time for a caller was 41 seconds and the average time to handle a call was 4 minutes and 29 seconds. 20 of the 2,101 callers abandoned their call during the wait period. Much of this is attributed to the fact that Bluegrass Water adopted a new customer platform, Munilink, in order to provide additional methods for the customer to pay, an easier interface for customers to find their own data, and to expand the Company's customer outreach abilities. The transition to this platform prompted a spike in call volume.

(4) <u>Violations or Citations for the Preceding Month</u>: Bluegrass Water had no DOW violations or citations at this location in the preceding month.

This the 17th day of April, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certification

Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, a paper copy of this filing has not been transmitted to the Commission. I hereby certify that a copy of this Reply in Support of Motion to Intervene has been served electronically on all parties of record for whom an e-mail address is given in the online Service List for this proceeding through use of the Commission's electronic filing system.

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