

## Carlisle County Fiscal Court

## Greg Terry, County Judge Executive

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Ms. Linda C. Bridwell, P.E. Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Re:

Case No. 2021-00341

Milburn Water District Merger Investigation

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Carlisle County Fiscal Court is aware of the Public Service Commission's current investigation into the feasibility and advisability of merging Milburn Water District and Graves County Water District and wishes to bring to the Commission's attention some recent developments that may affect that investigation.

During its 2024 Regular Session, the Kentucky General Assembly appropriated five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Department of Local Government to be distributed to Carlisle County Fiscal Court for the purpose of providing water treatment and water lines to Carlisle Count schools. These funds became available to Fiscal Court on July 1, 2024. Carlisle County Fiscal Court is now reviewing how best to use these funds to achieve their designated purpose. As part of this review, it is considering several alternatives, including the development of a county-wide water distribution system that would involve the facilities of Milburn Water District, Cunningham Water District, and the city of Arlington. It has retained Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering and Testing, Inc, an engineering firm, to review all alternatives and prepare a plan to serve Carlisle County's schools and various areas within Carlisle County. This plan is expected to be completed within 180 days.

Should the Public Service Commission have any questions regarding Carlisle County Fiscal Court's efforts, it may contact Mark Workman or Kenneth McDaniel with Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering and Testing, Inc. at (270) 443-1995.

Sincerely,

Greg Terry

Carlisle County Judge/Executive