COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF) BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT) CASE NO. 2022-00101 TO REMOVE SUBDISTRICT A AND B) SURCHARGES FROM ITS TARIFF)

RESPONSE OF BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Boone County Water District submits its Response to the Commission Staff's

Second Request for Information.

Dated: June 24, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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Counsel for Boone County Water District

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and the Public Service Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085, I certify that this document was transmitted to the Public Service Commission on June 24, 2022 and that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding

Counsel for Boone County Water District

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VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)) SS:

COUNTY OF BOONE

The undersigned, David A. Koenig, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness; and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

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Loem David A. Koenig

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this <u>74</u> day of June 2022.



(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Notary ID: <u>63/539</u>

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information Case No. 2022-00101

Question No. 1

Responding Witness: David A. Koenig

Q-1. State the reasons for the lease/transfer and operations contract structure of the agreement with the Boone Fiscal Court for transfer of water utility facilities to Boone District.

A-1. An explanation of the Purchase and Lease Agreement ("Agreement") is found in the Application that Boone County Fiscal Court ("Boone Fiscal Court") and Boone County Water District ("Boone District") submitted to the Public Service Commission ("PSC") in Case No. 2010-00065.¹ A copy of that Application is attached to this Response as **Exhibit 1**.

The Agreement reflects the differences in the methods that Boone Fiscal Court used to finance the construction of the Subdistrict A facilities and Subdistrict B facilities. To finance the facilities in the area designated as Subdistrict A, Boone Fiscal Court issued General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2002-B. A portion of the proceeds of this issuance, approximately \$5,081,811, was used to fund the total capital cost of the project. It financed the facilities in the area designated Subdistrict B through a loan of \$2,506,118 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority ("KIA"). Neither method of financing resulted in a lien on the financed facilities.

The facilities were located in Boone District's territory. Boone District considered constructing the facilities but elected not to do because the customer base for the facilities did not appear to justify the capital cost. It did not view construction of the facilities as positively affecting the District's general finances.

Boone Fiscal Court recognized that the facilities would not produce a sufficient stream of revenue to meet the annual debt service requirement of either debt instrument and that a subsidy from the County's general revenues would be necessary. It believed that the subsidy was offset by the benefits that

¹ The Application of Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District for Transfer of Control of Water System; To Terminate an Existing Operation and Maintenance Agreement Between the Applicants; and Approval of Agreements Between the Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and Boone County Water District as Debt Instruments, Case No. 2010-00065 (Ky. PSC filed Mar. 12, 2010).

would likely result from the immediate provision of water service to the two areas.

Although Boone Fiscal Court owned the facilities, it did not operate the facilities. It entered an Operations and Maintenance Agreement ("O&M Agreement") with Boone District for the operation of the facilities.² Under the terms of the O&M Agreement, Boone District operated the facilities and charged persons served in the Subdistrict areas the same fees and rates assessed to Boone District customers. In addition, persons in the Subdistrict areas were assessed a monthly surcharge of \$25. Boone District remitted to Boone Fiscal Court all revenues collected after deducting the cost of its purchased water supplied to the Subdistrict areas, all fees related to nonrecurring services, and its operation and maintenance costs, which were determined by a formula set forth in the O&M Agreement. The remainder was remitted to Boone Fiscal Court and was to be used to service the debt obligations incurred to finance the construction. While the O&M Agreement did not confer to Boone District any legal interest in the facilities, it did contain the promise that Boone Fiscal Court would confer the facilities to Boone District at no cost upon retirement of the bonded debt and the KIA loan.

Under the O&M Agreement, Boone Fiscal Court had two sources of revenue: (1) the proceeds of the monthly surcharge of \$25 and (2) any surplus funds from that operation of the facilities after Boone District was compensated for its work under the O&M Agreement.

In 2009 when facing significant financial pressures, Boone Fiscal Court entered discussions with Boone District to alter the existing arrangement. It was seeking to lessen the financial burdens associated with the Subdistrict facilities. At this time, Boone District was in much stronger financial position than in 2002 when it had declined to construct the Subdistrict facilities due to the effect of such effort on its finances and rates. The Agreement was the result of these discussions.

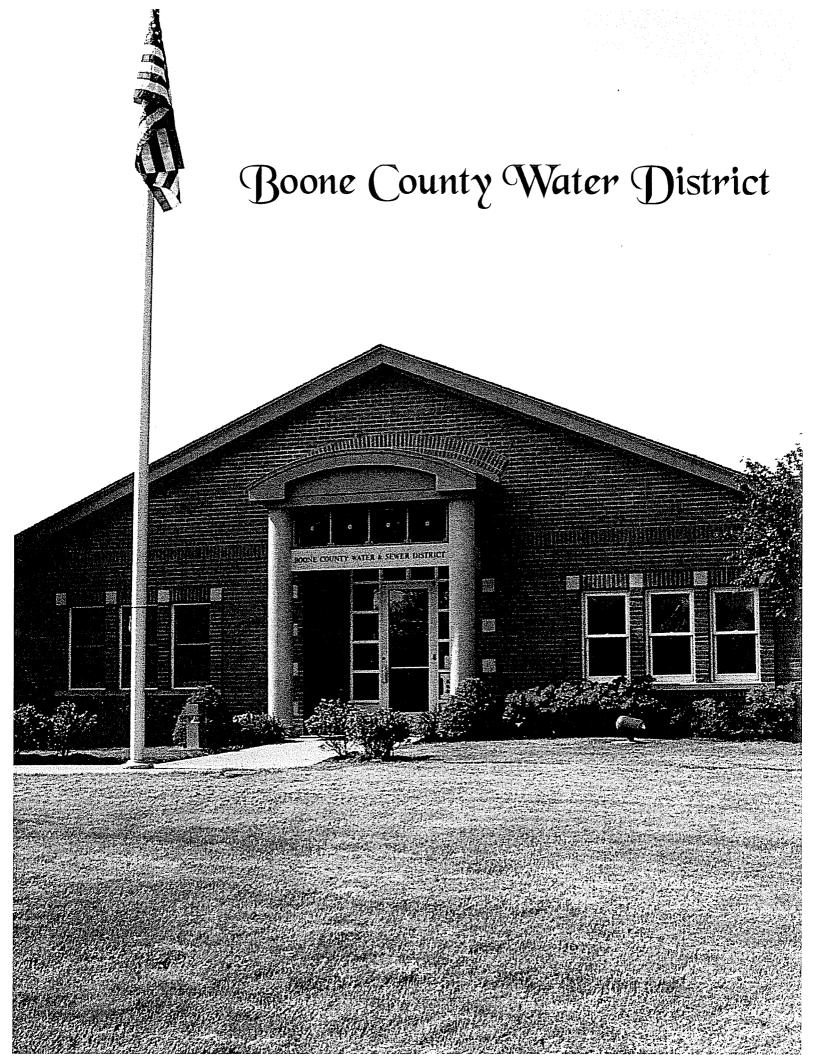
The Agreement has two components. Each component reflects the different methods used to finance Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B facilities. With regard to the Subdistrict B facilities, Boone Fiscal Court conveyed full legal title to

² A copy of the O&M Agreement is found at Exhibit 3 of the Application filed in Case No. 2010-00065.

those facilities in exchange for Boone District's assumption of responsibility for the KIA loan. With KIA's agreement to permit Boone District to assume the KIA loan and to release Boone Fiscal Court from its obligations under its Assistance Agreement with KIA, Boone Fiscal Court was relieved of its obligation to make further KIA loan payments and effectively its obligation to financially subsidize the facilities serving the Subdistrict B areas. By assuming the KIA loan, Boone District assumed that obligation. Boone District also obtained legal title to the facilities serving Subdistrict B. As it had the legal obligation to make the KIA loan payments and legal title to the facilities, Boone District also had a legal basis for continuing to assess the monthly surcharge from customers served by those facilities to retire the KIA loan.

With regard to the Subdistrict A facilities, Boone Fiscal Court could not be released from its legal obligation to make payments on its General Obligation Public Project Bonds. The Lease Agreement, however, provided a mechanism to obligate Boone District to pay a portion of the debt service on those bonds and to provide Boone District with a recognizable legal interest in the facilities and a legal basis to continue the assessment of the monthly surcharge customers after the acquisition of the facilities. It also provided Boone Fiscal Court some protection should Boone District default on its obligations. Payments under the Agreement were structured to allow Boone Fiscal Court to recover the same level of revenue³ that it would have recovered had the transfer not occurred and the O&M Agreement remained in effect. All payments made under the Lease Agreement were to be paid directly to the paying agent for the bonds for deposit in the bond payment fund.

³ These revenues included the monthly surcharge proceeds and any surplus funds from that operation of the facilities after Boone District was compensated for its work under the O&M Agreement. For a calculation of the expected payments, see Exhibit 7 of the Application filed in Case No. 2010-00065.



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Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: Application of Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District

Dear Mr. Derouen:

2010-00065

Enclosed please find for filing original and ten (10) copies of a joint application by Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District for the transfer of control of Boone County Fiscal Court's water system and other relief.

Thanking you for your consideration, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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DAVID A. KOENIG Attorney at Law

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:) **BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**) FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF WATER SYSTEM: TO TERMINATE AN EXISTING) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE APPLICANTS:**) AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS **BETWEEN THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL**) COURT AND BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE) AUTORITY AND BOONE COUNTY WATER **DISTRICT AS DEBT INSTRUMENTS**)

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE NO. 2010-00065

APPLICATION

The petition of Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District respectfully shows:

1. That applicant Boone County Fiscal Court (hereinafter "Fiscal Court") is the legislative and governing body for Boone County, Kentucky, and incidental thereto owns and operates a water system known as the Boone County Rural Water System (hereinafter "Rural Water System")

2. That applicant Boone County Water District (hereinafter "BCWD") is engaged in the business of providing potable water for sale to the citizens of Boone County within the established service area of the BCWD and operates and maintains the Rural Water System pursuant to an operation and maintenance agreement dated August 1, 2002, (hereinafter "O&M Agreement"), and attached as Exhibit 3. 3. That the post office address of Fiscal Court is:

Boone County Fiscal Court Attn: Jeff Earlywine, Administrator P.O. Box 900 Burlington, KY 41005

4. That the post office address of BCWD is:

Boone County Water District Attn: Phil Trzop, Manager P.O. Box 18 Burlington, KY 41005

5. By this application, the Fiscal Court and BCWD respectfully request the following:

a) That the Public Service Commission approve an agreement between the Fiscal Court and BCWD (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement", and attached as Exhibit 1), transferring the Rural Water System from the Fiscal Court to BCWD. Authority: KRS 278.020(5).

b) That the Public Service Commission approve the Agreement as a debt instrument requiring payments from BCWD to the Fiscal Court. Authority: KRS 278.300.

c) That the Public Service Commission approve an Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement between BCWD, Fiscal Court, and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) (hereinafter referred to as the "Assumption Agreement" and attached as Exhibit 2) calling for the assumption by BCWD of an existing obligation of the Fiscal Court to KIA as a debt instrument. Authority: KRS 278.300.

d) That the O&M Agreement (Exhibit 3) relative to the Rural Water system be terminated. Authority: KRS 278.160(1) and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 13.

e) That the tariff for the Rural Water System be merged or incorporated into the tariff of BCWD to provide for the rates, charges, rules and regulations of BCWD in addition to the existing provision in the rural water tariff for the \$25.00 surcharge for Rural Water System customers.

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

6. The Rural Water System is a public water system created by the Fiscal Court to provide potable water to rural areas of Boone County not served by the public water systems of the BCWD, Bullock Pen Water District, or cities of Florence or Walton, which are other providers of potable water within Boone County. A copy of a system map for the Rural Water System is attached as Exhibit 4.

7. The creation of the Rural Water System was approved by the Public Service Commission by interim order dated July 9, 2002, and by order dated September 27, 2002, in Case No. 2002-00085. Copies of said orders are attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

8. The Rural Water System was constructed in two phases. The first phase was constructed in 2002, after approval by the Public Service Commission in Case No. 2002-00085 (Exhibit 5). This portion of the system is referred to as

"SubDistrict A". The system was constructed from the proceeds of the sale by the Fiscal Court of General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2002-B (hereinafter "Bonds"). The total capital cost was \$5,081,811.00, including design, engineering, and legal expenses. A system map for SubDistrict A is attached as Exhibit 4-A.

9. The second phase of the Rural Water System was constructed in 2006, after approval by the Public Service Commission in Case No. 2005-291. A copy of this order is attached as Exhibit 6. This portion of the system is referred to as "SubDistrict B". SubDistrict B was constructed from several sources including the proceeds of a loan in the amount of \$2,506,118.00 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to the Fiscal Court (hereinafter "KIA Loan"). A system map for SubDistrict B is attached as Exhibit 4-B.

10. The Rural Water System is operated and maintained by BCWD pursuant to the O&M Agreement (Exhibit 3). The O&M Agreement was approved by the Public Service Commission contemporaneously with the approval of the creation of the Rural Water System in Case No. 2002-00085.

11. Rural Water System customers pay water rates that are identical to rates charged to all BCWD customers for water purchased and for all other non-recurring, miscellaneous, and other charges. (BCWD has a pending application for an increase in tapping fees for ³/₄" and 1" meters in Case No. 2010-019.) In addition, Rural Water System customers pay an additional monthly surcharge in the amount of \$25.00, payable until the Bonds and KIA Loan are retired.

12. Pursuant to the O&M Agreement, BCWD bills customers of the Rural Water System. BCWD is entitled to recover the cost of water purchased by Rural Water System customers, plus a predetermined operation and maintenance charge established in the O&M Agreement. The Fiscal Court is entitled to the remainder of the bill, including the \$25.00 surcharge. The O&M Agreement also provides that the Rural Water System will be transferred to BCWD when the Bonds and KIA Loan are retired.

13. Fiscal Court and BCWD have entered into an Agreement (Exhibit 1) providing for the transfer of the Rural Water System from Fiscal Court to BCWD. The Agreement specifically provides for 1) the lease-purchase of the SubDistrict A portion of the Rural Water System; 2) the transfer of the SubDistrict B portion of the Rural Water System from the Fiscal Court to BCWD, which assets provide security for the KIA Loan (which BCWD will assume as set forth in the Assumption Agreement); and 3) the termination of the O&M Agreement.

14. SubDistrict A assets are held by the Fiscal Court free and clear, and do not provide security for the Bonds.

15. Contemporaneously with the transfer of SubDistrict B from Fiscal Court, BCWD proposes to enter into the Assumption Agreement, (Exhibit 2), with KIA. This transaction will permit BCWD to assume the KIA Loan.

16. In return for the early transfer of the Rural Water System to BCWD by

Fiscal Court, BCWD will compensate the Fiscal Court for system revenues in excess of those revenues BCWD would have received by virtue of the operation of the O&M Agreement.

17. To calculate the total payment by BCWD to Fiscal Court, historical Rural Water System revenues were measured and future Rural Water System revenues were assumed to grow at a rate of 3%. The anticipated annual revenue was reduced by anticipated fixed semi-annual payments to the Fiscal Court. The resulting annual cash flows for the life of the payments were discounted to a net present value of zero. Financial calculations relative to the net present value of the revenue stream to be acquired by BCWD are attached as Exhibit 7.

18. BCWD will directly pay the loan payment to KIA pursuant to the Assumption Agreement (Exhibit 2). This payment is subtracted from BCWD's semi-annual obligation to Fiscal Court. The difference constitutes BCWD's lease payment to Fiscal Court.

19. For the first two (2) years (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011), BCWD will be responsible for the KIA Loan and will pay to Fiscal Court an amount equal to the Fiscal Court's obligations on the Bonds. (Any of BCWD's obligations pursuant to the Agreement paid by Fiscal Court after July 1, 2009, reduced by actual revenue paid by BCWD to Fiscal Court pursuant to the O&M Agreement, will be reimbursed upon approval by PSC). These four (4) semi-annual payments

are greater than BCWD's uniform semi-annual obligation, resulting in lower semiannual payments commencing in July, 2011.

20. Customers of the Rural Water System will become BCWD customers. These customers will continue to pay their customary rates for water purchased, non-recurring, miscellaneous, and other rates and charges, which rates and charges are identical to BCWD rates and charges, and the \$25.00 monthly surcharge until the Bonds and KIA Loan are retired. A copy of the Rural Water System tariff is attached as Exhibit 8. The surcharge was part of the calculations in which the value of the revenue stream to be acquired by BCWD was determined.

21. The District has the ability to absorb the additional payments required for the early acquisition of the Rural Water System assets and revenues. The first year's cash contribution by the District is calculated to be \$274,619.00, which is the difference between the capital cost of the Rural Water System less rural Water System revenue. In five (5) years, BCWD's net cash contribution (capital contribution less system revenue) is calculated to be only \$27,087.00. Commencing in 2019, the District is not anticipated to have any cash contribution, and the financial impact to BCWD after 2019 is positive in that BCWD will receive revenues that would have been flowing to Fiscal Court had Fiscal Court retained ownership of the Rural Water System, and which revenues will exceed BCWD's obligations to Fiscal Court and KIA. See Exhibit 7.

22. The acquisition of the Rural Water System by BCWD pursuant to the

Agreement is revenue neutral to BCWD. BCWD is not paying for assets which would have been transferred to it in 2037. BCWD is paying only for excess revenues it will acquire by virtue of its early acquisition of the Rural Water System assets.

23. The financial impact to the Fiscal Court is also favorable. The Fiscal Court is facing short term financial pressures. Fiscal Court will transfer to BCWD the obligation to repay the KIA loan, thereby achieving a savings. BCWD will contribute additional funds by which Fiscal Court can defray the debt service on the Bonds; however, BCWD's contribution will not equal Fiscal Court's obligations on the 2002 General Obligation Public Project Bonds after the first two years (July, 2009 – June, 2011).

24. The Agreement will have a positive impact on BCWD's ability to provide water to the citizens of Boone County. The Rural Water System's water lines are generally in rural areas on the outer edges of BCWD's existing system. There are unserved areas beyond the Rural Water System that BCWD has considered serving. However, the Rural Water System presently serves as a barrier through which BCWD cannot expand. The integration of the Rural Water System into the District will facilitate District expansion beyond present boundaries.

II. TERMINATION OF O&M AGREEMENT

25. The O&M Agreement presently in place governing the operation and maintenance of the Rural Water System by BCWD will no longer be necessary.

The system will be a part of BCWD's system. Rural Water System customers will be BCWD customers.

III. APPROVAL OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS

26. BCWD is requesting that the Public Service Commission approve the agreement with Fiscal Court and Assumption Agreement with KIA as evidences of indebtedness. Both agreements impose financial obligations upon BCWD. BCWD has sufficient cash to meet its obligations under the agreement and assumption agreement. According to BCWD's calculations (See Exhibit 7, the agreements will result in a possible cash flow to BCWD after nine years.

27. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:0001, Section 11, the following information is provided:

a) BCWD's property includes all transmission and distribution lines within its service area and all fixtures, appurtenances, and real property, and easements related thereto; real estate housing its offices and maintenance facility; and vehicles, equipment, and personal property within its service area. The original cost of all assets of BCWD is \$88,902,864.00 as of October 31, 2009.

b) BCWD proposes to assume the following indebtedness:

1) The Agreement between BCWD and Fiscal Court (Exhibit 1) obligates BCWD to make payments to Fiscal Court as set forth in Exhibit 7.

2) The KIA Loan. The principal balance as of July 1, 2009, is \$2,394,368.65. The rate of interest is 2.70%. BCWD will make semi-annual payments as set forth in Exhibit 9.

c) The purpose of the assumption of the obligations in the two instruments is to permit the early acquisition of Rural Water System assets and revenues.

d) The property to be acquired by virtue of the indebtedness to be assumed by BCWD is the Rural Water System and its revenues. The original capital cost of the property to be acquired is \$7,587,929.00. Specific and detailed information relative to these assets are contained in PSC Cases No. 2002-00085 and 2005-00291, in which certificates of public convenience and necessity were issued by the PSC for the construction of same.

28. BCWD's financial exhibit is attached for the twelve month period ending October 31, 2009, and is attached hereto as Exhibit 10. To the extent that the financial exhibit covers operations for a period ending more than ninety (90) days prior to the date the application is filed, BCWD respectfully requests a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR5:001, Section 11(2)(a) and Section 6. Year end financial information is being compiled but not available.

29. BCWD respectfully requests waiver or deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 11(2)(c), if applicable, in that detailed maps and drawings of the proposed property to be acquired in connection with

the agreement and assumption agreement have been previously supplied in PSC Cases No. 2002-00085 and 2005-00291.

IV. <u>SUMMARY</u>

30. By way of summary, the Agreement provides a mutually advantageous outcome for all parties as follows:

a) The Fiscal Court exits the water business, and two complimentary systems are merged under the control of BCWD, an entity whose sole purpose is the operation of a public water system for the benefit of Boone County residents.

b) The Agreement is revenue neutral to the BCWD. BCWD contributes initial cash in exchange for future revenues.

c) Fiscal Court will receive additional contributions from BCWD to ameliorate existing budget shortfalls for a system that it is already obligated to transfer to BCWD in the future.

d) The integrated system facilitates the ability of BCWD to expand the public water system in Boone County.

e) Customers will experience no change of rates or service.

WHEREFORE, the Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District jointly and respectfully request that the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky make its order authorizing applicants to 1) authorize the transfer of the Rural Water system from the Boone County Fiscal Court to the Boone County Water District pursuant to the Agreement; 2) approve the Agreement and Assumption Agreement as debt instruments; 3) terminate the existing O&M Agreement; and 4) approve the merger or incorporation of the tariff for the Rural Water System into the tariff for BCWD.

DATED AT BURLINGTON, KENTUCKY, THIS \prod^{T} DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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BOONE GOUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	Agreement between Fiscal Court and BCWD trans- ferring the Rural Water System (the "Agreement")
2	Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement between BCWD, Fiscal Court, and KIA (the "Assumption Agreement")
3	Operation and Maintenance Agreement between Fiscal Court and BCWD for the Rural Water System (the "O&M Agreement")
4	Rural Water System map – entire system
4-A	Rural Water System Map – SubDistrict A
4-B	Rural Water System Map – SubDistrict B
5	PSC Interim Order dated July 9, 2002, and order dated September 27, 2002, in Case No. 2002-00085
6	PSC Order dated February 1, 2006, in Case No. 2005-00291.
7	Financial calculations relative to the net present value of the revenue stream to be acquired by BCWD and payments to Fiscal Court and KIA.
8	Rural Water System tariff.
9	KIA loan repayment schedule.
10	BCWD financial exhibit.

EXHIBIT 1

AGREEMENT BETWEEN FISCAL COURT AND BCWD TRANSFERRING THE RURAL WATER SYSTEM (THE "AGREEMENT")

PURCHASE AND LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AND LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease"), dated as of August 1, 2009, by and between the COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY, (hereinafter called the "County"), as lessor, and the BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, a special district created pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (hereinafter called the "District"), as lessee;

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County has heretofore issued its General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2002B (the "Bonds") and used the proceeds thereof, in part, to construct and install certain water lines and appurtenant facilities, as more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Subdistrict A Project") for the purpose of establishing a water distribution system (the "County System") for the purpose of providing potable water to certain residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into an Assistance Agreement dated as of May 1, 2006 with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (the "Assistance Agreement") and used the proceeds of the loan provided thereby to construct the "Project," as defined in the Assistance Agreement (the "Subdistrict B Project" and together with the Subdistrict A Project, the "Project"), which Subdistrict B Project is a part of the County System; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Project, the County entered into an Operation and Maintenance Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of August 1, 2002 with the Boone County Water District, a water district created pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (the "District") under which the District has been operating and maintaining the County System; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to terminate the County System and to transfer ownership of the Project to the District to become a part of the District's water system (the "District System"); and

WHEREAS, in order to (i) continue the provision of potable water to certain residents of the County, (ii) provide for the continued operation and maintenance of the Subdistrict A Project, and (iii) provide for the payment of a portion of the debt service on the outstanding Bonds from a source other than the County's general fund, the District has agreed to operate and maintain the Subdistrict A Project as a part of the District System and to make lease payments to the County as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue the provision of potable water to certain residents of the County, the District has agreed to purchase the Subdistrict B Project to be a part of the District System and to assume the obligations of the County under the Assistance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, by Order _____, has approved this Lease and the transfer of the Project to the Distinct, as herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District agrees to lease and rent the Subdistrict A Project from the County and the County hereby lets to the District, the Subdistrict A Project, to be used only for public purposes as a part of the District System from the period commencing with the date of this Lease and ending on the August 1, 2037 (the "Termination Date") or such earlier date as hereinafter provided. Simultaneously with the commencement of this Lease, the Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated as of August 1, 2002 between the County and the District shall be deemed terminated and to no longer have any force or effect.

Legal title to the Subdistrict A Project and all fixtures, appurtenances and other permanent accessories thereto and all interests therein will be held by the District, subject to the County's rights under this Lease. The County and the District agree that this Lease or any other appropriate documents may be filed or recorded to evidence the parties' respective interests in the Subdistrict A Project and the Lease.

The District agrees to pay the Lease Payments specified in Exhibit B (the "Lease Payments"). Each payment shall be applied first to payment of the interest component of the respective Lease Payment; provided, however, the District may make advance payments of principal components of Lease Payments.

Notwithstanding that this Lease is between the District and the County, all payments due hereunder shall, if so requested by the County in writing, be made directly to the paying agent bank for the Bonds (the "Paying Agent") for deposit in the Bond Payment Fund established in the Ordinance authorizing the Bonds.

In order to secure all of its obligations hereunder, the District hereby (i) grants to the County a first and prior security interest in any and all right, title and interest of the District in the portions of the Subdistrict A Project that constitute personal property and in all additions, attachments, accessions, and substitutions thereto, and on any proceeds therefrom, (ii) agrees that this Lease may be filed as a financing statement evidencing such security interest, and (iii) agrees to execute and deliver all financing statements, certificates of title and other instruments necessary or appropriate to evidence such security interest.

The County's interest shall terminate upon (a) the District's exercise of the purchase option granted herein, or (b) the complete payment of all Lease Payments and performance by the District of all of its obligations hereunder; provided, however, that title shall immediately and without any action by the District vest in the County and the District shall immediately surrender possession of the Subdistrict A Project to the County upon (i) any termination of this Lease without the District exercising its option to purchase pursuant to this Lease or (ii) the occurrence of an Event of Default, as hereinafter defined. In any of such cases, the District agrees to execute such instruments and do such things as the County reasonably requests and as may be required by law in order to effectuate transfer of any and all of the District's right, title and interest in the Subdistrict A Project, as is, to the County. It is hereby acknowledged by the County and

the District that the District intends to purchase the Subdistrict A Project on the terms set forth in this Lease.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Subdistrict A Project referred to in this Lease is located in Boone County, Kentucky, and is more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 3. The District represents and warrants that:

(a) It is a water district duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(b) It has the power and has been duly authorized to enter into this Lease and perform all of its obligations hereunder.

(c) The District is not subject to any contractual or other limitation or provision of any nature whatsoever which in any way limits, restricts or prevents the District from entering into this Lease, or performing any of its obligations hereunder or thereunder; and the execution and delivery of this Lease, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the fulfillment of or compliance with the terms and conditions of this Lease will not conflict with or result in a breach of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction, agreement or instrument to which the District is a party or by which it is bound, or constitute a default under any of the foregoing, and will not violate any provision of law or regulation applicable to the District or any court or administrative order or decree, including, but not limited to any regulations of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky.

<u>Section 4.</u> The County represents and covenants that it has full power to execute and perform this Lease and the covenants and promises contained herein.

Section 5. The District hereby accepts the Subdistrict A Project, as is, and the County makes no warranty or representation, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict A Project. The County hereby transfers and assigns to the District, all of its right, title and interest it may have with respect to any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict A Project.

<u>Section 6.</u> The District will operate and maintain the Subdistrict A Project in a manner substantially consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky regarding water distribution projects and in a manner which will substantially effectuate the public purposes of Chapters 74 and 96 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Section 7. The District covenants and agrees with the County that the District shall during the term of this Lease keep and maintain the Subdistrict A Project and all parts thereof in good condition and repair, ordinary wear and tear excepted, including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all parts, mechanisms and devices required to keep the Subdistrict A Project in good mechanical and working order. The District shall keep the Subdistrict A Project in substantial compliance with all applicable governmental

regulations and requirements, and in each case the District shall make all replacements and repairs necessary in connection therewith.

Section 8. The District shall have and is hereby given the right, at its sole cost and expense, to make such additions, improvements, changes and alterations in and to any part of the Subdistrict A Project as the District from time to time may deem necessary or advisable; provided, however, that the District shall not make any addition, change or alteration which would change the character of the Subdistrict A Project as a water distribution Subdistrict A Project. All additions, changes and alterations made by the District pursuant to the authority of this Section shall (a) be made in a workmanlike manner and in substantial compliance with all laws and ordinances or resolutions applicable thereto, (b) when commenced, be prosecuted to completion with due diligence without delay or abatement in the District's payment of rent due hereunder, and (c) when completed, be deemed a part of the District System.

Section 9. The District shall neither do nor permit others under its control to do any work in or about the Subdistrict A Project or related to any repair, rebuilding, restoration, replacement, alteration of or addition to the Subdistrict A Project, or any part thereof, unless District shall have first procured and paid for all requisite municipal and other governmental permits and authorizations. All such work shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner and in substantial compliance with all applicable building, zoning, and other laws, ordinances, governmental regulations and requirements and in accordance with the requirements, rules and regulations of all insurers under the policies required to be carried under Section 13 hereof.

Section 10. The District shall be responsible for establishing fees and charges (including any surcharges to customers of the District using the Subdistrict A Project) for the use by the public of the District System (including the Subdistrict A Project), subject to any limitations provided by law.

Section 11. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the District, for the benefit of the County and each holder of the Bonds, hereby represents that it has not taken, or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and agrees that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action which would adversely affect the excludability from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, and that it will make and take, or require to be made and taken, such acts and filings as may from time to time be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to maintain such excludability from gross income.

Section 12. The County shall have reasonable access and the right to inspect, examine and make copies of the books, records, accounts, tax returns and other such financial information of the District.

Section 13. The District shall obtain insurance with respect to the Subdistrict A Project issued by an insurer or insurers and on policy forms in such amounts which are customary with the District for facilities which are similar to the Subdistrict A Project, against loss or damage from theft, fire, vandalism and other events covered by uniform standard extended coverage endorsements approved by the insurance regulatory authority in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The District may alternatively insure such property under a blanket insurance policy or policies which cover not only such property but other properties.

Each insurance policy provided for in the preceding and following paragraphs shall contain a provision to the effect that the insurance company shall not cancel the same without first giving written notice thereof to the County at least thirty (30) days in advance of such cancellation.

The District shall also carry public liability insurance with reference to the Subdistrict A Project with one or more reputable insurance companies duly qualified to do business in Kentucky, for death or bodily injury and property damage in amounts which are customarily carried for water districts which are similar to the District. The County shall be made an additional insured under such policies. Such public liability insurance may be by blanket insurance policy or policies.

The parties hereto recognize that continued inflation, the emergence of new risks, and various other factors foreseeable or unforeseeable may at some future time cause the insurance coverages required by this Lease to become inadequate in face amount or the type of risks insured against. The District hereby covenants with the County that throughout the life of this Lease the District shall keep the Subdistrict A Project continuously insured against such risks as are customarily insured against by the District, and in such amounts as would be customarily maintained, by businesses of like size and type.

Section 14. If the Subdistrict A Project is destroyed (in whole or in part) or is damaged by fire or other casualty, the District shall promptly replace, repair, rebuild or restore the property damaged or destroyed to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the event causing such damage or destruction, with such changes, alterations and modifications including the substitution and addition of other property as may be desired by the District and as will not impair the operation of the Subdistrict A Project or change its character and the District will apply for such purpose so much as may be necessary of any net proceeds of insurance resulting from claims for losses, under the insurance policies required to be carried herein, resulting from such damage.

Section 15. The County and its duly authorized representatives and agents, reserve the right to enter the Subdistrict A Project at all reasonable times during the term of this Lease for the purpose of (a) examining and inspecting the same, including the construction, installation and equipping thereof and (b) performing such work in and about the Subdistrict A Project made necessary by reason of the District's default under any of the provisions of this Lease. The County shall also have the right at all reasonable times to examine the books and records of the District.

<u>Section 16</u>. This Lease is made on condition that if (each of the following events being deemed an "Event of Default" under the provisions of this Lease):

(a) the District fails to punctually pay all Lease Payments as the same

become due; or

(b) the District fails to observe, keep or perform any other covenant or obligation herein contained on the District's part to be observed, kept or performed, and the District fails to remedy the same within thirty (30) days after the County has given the District written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied; or

(c) the District vacates or abandons the Subdistrict A Project; or

(d) any representation or warranty by the District contained in this Lease or in any certificate or instrument delivered by the District pursuant to this Lease is false or misleading in any material respect;

then the County may at its election then or at any time thereafter, and while such default shall continue, give the District written notice of intention to terminate this Lease on a date specified therein, which date shall not be earlier than ten (10) days after such notice is given, and, if all defaults have not then been cured, on the date so specified, the District's rights to operation of the Subdistrict A Project shall cease and this Lease shall thereupon be terminated, and the County may re-enter and take possession of the Subdistrict A Project.

<u>Section 17</u>. If the District shall fail to keep or perform any of its obligations as provided in this Lease in respect of (a) maintenance of insurance, (b) payments of rent required hereunder, (c) repairs and maintenance of the Subdistrict A Project, (d) substantial compliance with legal or insurance requirements hereunder, (e) keeping the Subdistrict A Project lien free, or in the making of any other payment or performance of any other obligation so to do, upon the continuance of such failure on the District's part for thirty (30) days after written notice of such failure is given to the District by the County and without waiving or releasing the District from any obligation hereunder, as an additional but not exclusive remedy, the County may make any such payment or perform any such obligation, and all sums so paid by the County and all necessary incidental costs and expenses incurred by the County in performing such obligation shall be deemed additional rent due and payable by the District and shall be paid to the County, and if not so paid by the District, the County shall have the same rights and remedies as provided for in the case of default by the District in the payment of Lease Payments due under Section 1 hereof.

Section 18. The District shall indemnify and hold the County, its officers, directors, agents and employees harmless against and from all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing done on the Subdistrict A Project during the term of this Lease, and against and from all claims arising during the term of this Lease from (a) any condition of the Subdistrict A Project caused by the District, (b) any breach or default on the part of the District in the performance of any of its obligations under this Lease, (c) any act of negligence of the District or of any of its agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees, and (d) any act of negligence of any agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees of the District in connection with the construction, installation, furnishing, equipping, management or operation of the Subdistrict A Project during the term of this Lease. Any indemnified party seeking to enforce the above indemnity shall give the District written notice of and the opportunity to defend any claims with respect to which indemnity is sought to be enforced hereunder, in which event the District shall either (i) employ counsel reasonably acceptable to such party to defend such claims and pay all costs and expenses in connection with such defense, or (ii) permit such party to defend such claims itself through counsel of its own choosing in which event the District shall indemnify and hold such party harmless from and against all reasonable costs and expenses incurred in or in connection with any action or proceeding brought with respect to such claims. Upon notice from such party in any such action or proceeding, if the District fails or refuses to proceed under option (i) above, the District shall be deemed to have agreed that such party may proceed under option (ii) above.

Section 19. On the Termination Date, so long as no event of default by the District hereunder has occurred and is continuing, the County will immediately transfer all of its right, title and interest in and to the Subdistrict A Project to the District and provide any documents of instruments to the District for such purpose that the District may reasonably request.

The District may, in its discretion, prepay in full its Lease Payments under the Lease by paying to the County the Optional Prepayment Price with respect to the Lease. Upon payment of the Optional Prepayment Price, the County will transfer and convey the Subdistrict A Project to the District as provided in the preceding paragraph.

As used in this Section, "Optional Prepayment Price" means the amount equal to the unpaid principal component of Lease Payments increased by the sum of (a) the amount of any due or past due Lease Payments together with interest (at the interest rate on the Bonds) on such past due Lease Payments to the date of such prepayment in full and (b) the unpaid accrued interest on the outstanding principal component of the Lease Payments to the next date on which the related Bonds can be redeemed; provided that such amount may be paid in the form of cash or noncallable United States Treasury Obligations which, together with the interest income thereon, will be sufficient to pay such amounts to the date the prepayment will be used to redeem Bonds.

Section 20. The District agrees to purchase the Subdistrict B Project from the County and the County hereby sells to the District, the Subdistrict B Project, to be used only for public purposes as a part of the District System. In consideration for the sale of the Subdistrict B Project to the District, the District agrees to assume all of the County's obligations under the Assistance Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement dated as of ______, 2009 among the District, the County and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

The District hereby accepts the Subdistrict B Project, as is, and the County makes no warranty or representation, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict B Project. The County hereby transfers and assigns to the District, all of its right, title and interest it may have with respect to any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict B Project.

The County agrees to execute such instruments and do such things as the District reasonably requests and as may be required by law in order to effectuate transfer of any and all of the County's right, title and interest in the Subdistrict B Project, as is, to the District. The District agrees to execute such instruments and do such things as the County reasonably requests and as may be required by law in order to effectuate assumption by the District of any and all of the County's obligations under the Assistance Agreement. The County and the District agree that any appropriate documents may be filed or recorded to evidence the sale of the County's interest in the Subdistrict B Project to the District and the assumption by the District of the Assistance Agreement.

The District shall indemnify and hold the County, its officers, directors, agents and employees harmless against and from all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing done on the Subdistrict B Project in the same manner as set forth in Section 18 with respect to the Subdistrict A Project.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the District has caused this instrument to be executed for and on its behalf by its Chairman and attested by its Secretary and the County has caused this instrument to be executed for an on its behalf by its Judge/Executive and attested by its Fiscal Court Clerk, as of the date first above written.

BOONE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

By: _____

Judge/Executive

Attest:

Fiscal Court Clerk

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Ву: _____

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary

EXHIBIT A

BOONE COUNTY RURAL WATER PROJECT

PROJECT SUMMARY

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- I. Project Location Map/Proposed Project Phases (attached)
- II. Description of water main construction/locations;

The project consists of installation of approximately 121,000 feet (23 miles) of ductile iron water main 8" and 12" sizes and appurtenances. The project will extend water service to rural areas and provide water system improvements (looping) for improved water quality and reliability. The estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$6,730,000 which includes a 5% contingency. The project is anticipated to begin construction in the summer 2002 with a 9 month construction period, or completion by spring 2003. A summary of the Phases and locations is as follows:

Phase 1A:	Big Bone Rd./Beaver Rd./Rice Pike area;
	52,600 feet of 8" water main
	3,000 feet of 12" water main
Phase 1C:	Idlewild Rd(SR 338), Ky 20, 1-275 Idlewild bypass
	Idlebrook Rd/Blackberry Hill Dr. areas:
	34,800 feet of 8" water main
	19,400 feet of 12" water main
Phase 1D:	Bullittsville Rd/Fawn Ln.
	7500 feet of 12" water main
	1900 feet of 8" water main
	2000 feet of 12" water main replacement of 8" line

The water mains will be constructed along the State and County roadways primarily within the road right of way. The construction will be open cut excavation as shown in the plans and specifications. The estimated number of property owners/parcels abutting the proposed water main extension (10/01) is summarized as follows:

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Phase 1A:	144 properties
Phase 1C:	141 properties
Phase 1D:	79 properties (excludes multiple airport parcels)

III. Construction Specifications and Bid Document; Phase 1A, 1C, and 1D, see attached.

IV. Construction Plans; Phase 1A, 1C, and 1D, see attached.

EXHIBIT B

Lease Payments

Date	Interest Component	<u>Principal</u> Component	Lease Payment
August 1, 2009 February 1, 2010 August 1, 2010 February 1, 2011	\$54,563 52,175 49,751 47,279	\$119,437 121,175 123,599 73,071	\$174,000 173,350 173,350 120,350
August 1, 2011 February 1, 2012 August 1, 2012 February 1, 2013	45,818 44,327 43,850 43,363	74,532 23,863 24,340 24,827	120,350 68,190 68,190 68,190
August 1, 2013 February 1, 2014 August 1, 2014 February 1, 2015	42,866 42,360 41,843 41,316 40,770	25,324 25,830 26,347 26,874	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
August 1, 2015 February 1, 2016 August 1, 2016 February 1, 2017 August 1, 2017	40,779 40,231 39,672 39,101 38,519	27,411 27,959 28,518 29,089 29,671	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
February 1, 2017 August 1, 2018 February 1, 2019 August 1, 2019	37,926 37,321 36,703 36,074	30,264 30,869 31,487 32,116	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
February 1, 2020 August 1, 2020 February 1, 2021 August 1, 2021	35,431 34,776 34,108 33,426	32,759 33,414 34,082 34,764	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
February 1, 2022 August 1, 2022 February 1, 2023 August 1, 2023	32,731 32,022 31,298 30,561	35,459 36,168 36,892 37,629	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
February 1, 2024 August 1, 2024 February 1, 2025 August 1, 2025	29,808 29,040 28,257 27,459	38,382 39,150 39,933 40,731	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
February 1, 2026 August 1, 2026 February 1, 2027 August 1, 2027	26,644 25,813 24,966 24,101	41,546 42,377 43,224 44,089	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190

Date	Interest Component	<u>Principal</u> Component	Lease Payment
February 1, 2028 August 1, 2028 February 1, 2029 August 1, 2029 February 1, 2030 August 1, 2030 February 1, 2031 August 1, 2031 February 1, 2032	\$23,219 22,320 21,403 20,467 19,512 18,539 17,546 16,533 15,500	\$44,971 45,870 46,787 47,723 48,678 49,651 50,644 51,657 52,690	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
August 1, 2032 February 1, 2033 August 1, 2033 February 1, 2034 August 1, 2034 February 1, 2035 August 1, 2035 February 1, 2036 August 1, 2037 August 1, 2037	14,446 13,371 12,275 11,156 10,015 8,852 7,665 6,455 5,220 3,961 2,000	53,744 54,819 55,915 57,034 58,175 59,338 60,525 61,735 62,970 98,039 100,000	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 102,000 102,000

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EXHIBIT 2

ASSUMPTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BCWD, FISCAL COURT, AND KIA

(THE "ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT")

KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

ASSUMPTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

FUND B

PROJECT NUMBER:	B05-02
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY: KENTUCKY	COUNTY OF BOONE,
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY'S ADDRESS:	P.O. Box 900 Burlington, Kentucky 41005
DATE OF ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT:	May 1, 2006
DATE OF SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT:	,2009

ASSUMPTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

This Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement made and entered into as of the date set forth on the cover page hereof (the "Supplemental Agreement") by and between the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, a body corporate and politic, constituting a public corporation and governmental agency and instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Authority") and the governmental agency identified on the cover of this Supplemental Agreement (the "Governmental Agency"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County of Boone (the "Prior Governmental Agency") heretofore entered into that certain assistance agreement dated as of May 1, 2006 (the "Original Assistance Agreement") with the Authority, pursuant to which the Authority loaned certain funds (the "Loan") to the Prior Governmental Agency to finance improvements (the "Project") to the Prior Governmental Agency's utility system (the "Prior Governmental Agency System"); and

WHEREAS, the current outstanding principal amount of the Loan is \$_____; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Purchase and Lease Agreement dated as of

______, 2009 (the "Acquisition Agreement") between the Prior Governmental Agency and the Governmental Agency, the Governmental Agency agreed to acquire and assume all assets and liabilities of the Prior Governmental Agency's System, including the

Loan; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Agreement, the Governmental Agency and the Authority desire to provide for a formal assumption by the Governmental Agency of all the rights and obligations of the Prior Governmental Agency with respect to the Original Assistance Agreement, including, without limitation, the payment obligations set forth in the Original Assistance Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS CONTAINED HEREIN AND IN THE ORIGINAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, THE PARTIES HERETO COVENANT, AGREE AND BIND THEMSELVES AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

ASSUMPTION OF ORIGINAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Section 1.1. In consideration of the conveyance of the properties described in the Acquisition Agreement herein described between the Governmental Agency and the Prior Governmental Agency and the benefits accruing to the Governmental Agency from the Project financed by the Loan, the Governmental Agency does hereby agree to assume the obligations of the Prior Governmental Agency to make pay the payments under the Original Assistance Agreement and to keep and perform all the promises, covenants and conditions set forth and contained in the Original Assistance Agreement securing the payments under the Original Assistance Agreement, as debtor, and to fulfill any other covenant and condition contained in the Original Assistance Agreement in the manner and form as therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Section 2.1. From and after the time of taking effect of this Supplemental Agreement, the Original Assistance Agreement shall be, and be deemed to be, modified and amended in accordance herewith, and the respective rights, duties and obligations under the Original Assistance Agreement of the Authority and the Governmental Agency thereunder shall be determined, exercised and enforced thereunder subject in all respects to the provisions of this Supplemental Agreement, and all provisions hereof shall be determined for the terms and conditions of the Original Assistance Agreement for any and all purposes.

ARTICLE III

EFFECTIVE DATE; MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 3.1. <u>Time of taking effect</u>. This Supplemental Agreement shall be

effective as of the day and year written on the cover page hereof.

<u>Section 3.2</u>. <u>Invalidity of any provision</u>. In case any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall be adjudicated by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be effected or impaired thereby.

<u>Section 3.3.</u> <u>Execution in counterparts</u>. This Supplemental Agreement may be simultaneously executed and delivered in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

[Signatures begin on the following page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers as of the day and year stated on the cover page hereof.

KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY By: Title: Secretary COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY, Prior Governmental Agency By: Judge/Executive Fiscal Court Clerk BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, Governmental Agency By:

Attest:

Attest:

Attest:

Title:

Approved:

Examined:

Title:

Secretary/Finance and Administration Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Legal Counsel to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority

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EXHIBIT 3

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FISCAL COURT AND BCWD FOR THE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

(THE "O&M AGREEMENT")

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), dated for reference purposes as of August 1, 2002, to be effective August 20, 2002, by and between the COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY, (hereinafter called the "County") and the BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, a water district created pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (hereinafter called the "District");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County has determined to issue its General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2002B (the "Bonds") in the principal amount of \$5,750,000, and to use a portion of the proceeds thereof to construct and install certain water lines and appurtenant facilities as more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the continued operation and maintenance of the Project and to provide for the payment of a portion of the debt service on the Bonds from a source other than the County's general fund, the District has determined to operate and maintain the Project and to make certain annual payments to the County as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The County agrees to issue its general obligation bonds in a principal amount of \$5, 750,000 and to use a portion of the proceeds thereof to construct and install the Project, to be used only for public purposes. Such bonds shall mature no later than 30 years, as determined by the County, from the date of issuance

Section 2. The District agrees to operate and maintain the Project, to be used only for public purposes, for the period commencing August 20, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003 or such earlier date as hereinafter provided. Unless and until terminated as provided herein, this Agreement shall continue in effect from fiscal year to fiscal year. The obligations of the County and the District under this Agreement shall be subject to either party's annual right to terminate and no obligation hereunder shall constitute an obligation in any future year. If either party determines, for any reason, to exercise its annual right to terminate this Agreement, effective on any June 30, such party must give written notice thereof to the other party not later than the preceding May 31. In addition, either party hereto may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing written notice thereof to the other party at least ninety days prior to the termination date set forth in such notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, any amounts required to be paid hereunder shall accrue until the date of termination, at which time all such obligations shall cease to accrue.

The County agrees to set and the District agrees to collect rates and charges (collectively, the "Project Revenues") for customers using the Project, as follows:

(a) the District's water service rates applicable to other customers of the District that are not users of the Project (the "Service Charges"); plus

(b) an additional charge of \$25.00 each month, or such other dollar amount or any one time charge for new customers as may be established from time to time by the County and

communicated to the District in writing (the "Surcharge" and, together with the Service Charges are collectively referred to as, the "Water Charges"); plus

(c) the District's tap-in fee applicable to other customers of the District that are not users of the Project (currently \$625.00) (the "District Tap Fee").

The Project Revenues shall be allocated (based on information set forth in the most recent annual report (the "PSC Report") filed by the District with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "PSC")), as follows:

(a) The District shall retain the District Tap Fee;

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(b) The District shall retain its cost of Water Purchased for Resale (page 31 of the PSC Report) applicable to customers related to the Project (the "Project Water Volume");

(c) The District shall retain its cost of operation and maintenance ("O&M") related to the Project, which shall be determined by multiplying the Project Water Volume times O&M cost (the "Adjusted County Water Charges"), with O&M cost determined by computing the difference between Water Utility Expenses (appearing below line 675 column (c) on page 30 of the PSC Report) and Purchased Water (appearing at line 610 on page 30 of the PSC Report) and dividing such difference by the total Water Purchased for Resale (appearing on page 31 of the PSC Report); and

(d) The District shall remit the Adjusted County Water Charges to the County which shall be used by the County, as follows:

- (i) to pay interest on the Bonds as scheduled;
- (ii) to pay principal on the Bonds as scheduled;
- (iii) to reimburse the County for its accrued County Subsidy Payments (as hereinafter defined);
- (iv) to redeem Bonds earlier than their scheduled maturity as is permitted by the ordinance authorizing the Bonds.

The District shall provide notice to the County of the adjusted O&M cost by July 1 of each year.

Amounts payable by the District to the County shall be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof by the District

Notwithstanding that this Agreement is between the District and the County, all payments due hereunder shall, if so requested by the County in writing, be made directly to the paying agent bank for the Bonds (the "Paying Agent") for deposit in the Bond Payment Fund established in the Ordinance authorizing the Bonds.

The County agrees that, if during any fiscal year (ending June 30) the Adjusted County Water Charges are not sufficient to meet the scheduled principal and interest payments on the Bonds, the County will cover the deficiency with funds of the County (the "County Subsidy Payment").

<u>Section 3.</u> The Project referred to in this Agreement is located in Boone County, Kentucky, and is more particularly described in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto.

Section 4. The District represents and warrants that:

(a) It is a water district duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(b) It has the power and has been duly authorized to enter into this Agreement and perform all of its obligations hereunder.

(c) The District is not subject to any contractual or other limitation or provision of any nature whatsoever which in any way limits, restricts or prevents the District from entering into this Agreement, or performing any of its obligations hereunder or thereunder; and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the fulfillment of or compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement will not conflict with or result in a breach of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction, agreement or instrument to which the District is a party or by which it is bound, or constitute a default under any of the foregoing, and will not violate any provision of law or regulation applicable to the District or any court or administrative order or decree.

<u>Section 5.</u> The County represents and covenants that it has full power to execute and perform this Agreement and the covenants and promises contained herein.

Section 6. The District hereby accepts the Project, as is, and the County makes no warranty or representation, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Project. The County agrees that it will require all contracts for the construction of the Project to contain a provision extending any and all warranties, express or implied, under such contracts to the District as well as the County. The County further agrees that the County will transfer to the District any and all warranties, express or implied, resulting from contracts for the construction of the Project which do not contain such provision.

<u>Section 7.</u> The District will operate and maintain the Project in a manner substantially consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky regarding water distribution Projects and in a manner which will substantially effectuate the public purposes of Chapters 74 and 96 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Section 8. The District covenants and agrees with the County that the District shall during the term of this Agreement keep and maintain the Project and all parts thereof in good condition and repair, ordinary wear and tear excepted, including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all parts, mechanisms and devices required to keep the Project in good mechanical and working order. The District shall keep the Project in substantial compliance with all applicable governmental regulations and requirements, and in each case the District shall make all replacements and repairs necessary in connection therewith.

<u>Section 9.</u> The District shall have and is hereby given the right, at its sole cost and expense, to make or accept such additions, improvements, changes and alterations in and to any part of the Project as the District from time to time may deem necessary or advisable; provided, however, that the District shall not make or accept any addition, change or alteration which would change the

character of the Project as a water distribution Project. All additions, changes and alterations made or accepted by the District pursuant to the authority of this Section shall (a) be made in a workmanlike manner and in substantial compliance with all laws and ordinances or resolutions applicable thereto, (b) when commenced, be prosecuted to completion with due diligence without delay or abatement in the District's payments due hereunder, and (c) when completed, be deemed a part of the County's Water System (the "System") until such time as the Bonds have been fully retired, at which time the Project and all additions, improvements, changes and alterations shall become part of the District's Water System. The provisions of this Section 9 are not to be construed to create any liability of the District under 807 KAR 5:066, Section 11 to reimburse customers for extensions to the Project.

Section 10. The District shall neither do nor permit others under its control to do any work in or about the Project or related to any repair, rebuilding, restoration, replacement, alteration of or addition to the Project, or any part thereof, unless District shall have first procured and paid for or caused to be procured and paid for all requisite municipal and other governmental permits and authorizations. All such work shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner and in substantial compliance with all District policies and specifications as well as all applicable building, zoning, and other laws, ordinances, governmental regulations and requirements and in accordance with the requirements, rules and regulations of all insurers under the policies required to be carried under Section 13 hereof.

<u>Section 11.</u> Except as provided in Section 2 hereof, the District shall be responsible for establishing fees and charges (including any surcharge to customers of the District using the Project) for the use by the public of the System (including the Project), subject to any limitations provided by law.

Section 12. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the District, for the benefit of the County and each holder of the Bonds, hereby represents that it has not taken, or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and agrees that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action which would adversely affect the excludibility from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, and that it will make and take, or require to be made and taken, such acts and filings as may from time to time be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to maintain such excludibility from gross income.

Section 13. The County shall have reasonable access and the right to inspect, examine and make copies of the books, records, accounts, tax returns and other such financial information of the District.

Section 14. During construction of the Project, the County shall obtain or shall cause to be obtained insurance with respect to the Project issued by an insurer or insurers and on policy forms in such amounts which are customary with the County for facilities which are similar to the Project, against loss or damage from theft, fire, vandalism and other events covered by uniform standard extended coverage endorsements approved by the insurance regulatory authority in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The County may alternatively insure such property under a blanket insurance policy or policies which cover not only such property but other properties. Upon completion of construction of the Project, the District shall be responsible for insuring the Project in accordance with this Section 14.

Each insurance policy provided for in the preceding and following paragraphs shall contain a provision to the effect that the insurance company shall not cancel the same without first giving written notice thereof to the County at least thirty (30) days in advance of such cancellation.

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The District shall also carry public liability insurance with reference to the Project with one or more reputable insurance companies duly qualified to do business in Kentucky, for death or bodily injury and property damage in amounts which are customarily carried for water districts which are similar to the District. The County shall be made an additional insured under such policies. Such public liability insurance may be by blanket insurance policy or policies.

The parties hereto recognize that continued inflation, the emergence of new risks, and various other factors foreseeable or unforeseeable may at some future time cause the insurance coverages required by this Agreement to become inadequate in face amount or the type of risks insured against. The District hereby covenants with the County that throughout the life of this Agreement the District shall keep the Project continuously insured against such risks as are customarily insured against by the District, and in such amounts as would be customarily maintained, by businesses of like size and type.

Section 15. If the Project is destroyed (in whole or in part) or is damaged by fire or other casualty, the District (i) shall promptly replace, repair, rebuild or restore the property damaged or destroyed to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the event causing such damage or destruction, with such changes, alterations and modifications including the substitution and addition of other property as may be desired by the District and as will not impair the operation of the Project or change its character and the District will apply for such purpose so much as may be necessary of any net proceeds of insurance resulting from claims for losses, under the insurance policies required to be carried herein, resulting from such damage.

Section 16. The County and its duly authorized representatives and agents, reserve the right to enter the Project at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of (a) examining and inspecting the same, including the construction, installation and equipping thereof and (b) performing such work in and about the Project made necessary by reason of the District's default under any of the provisions of this Agreement. The County shall also have the right at all reasonable times to examine the books and records of the District.

<u>Section 17</u>. This Agreement is made on condition that if (each of the following events being deemed an "Event of Default" under the provisions of this Agreement):

(a) the District fails to punctually make any payment required hereunder as the same becomes due; or

(b) the District fails to observe, keep or perform any other covenant or obligation herein contained on the District's part to be observed, kept or performed, and the District fails to remedy the same within thirty (30) days after the County has given the District written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied; or

(c) the District vacates or abandons the Project; or

(d) any representation or warranty by the District contained in this Agreement or in any certificate or instrument delivered by the District pursuant to this Agreement is false or misleading in any material respect;

then the County may at its election then or at any time thereafter, and while such default shall continue, give the District written notice of intention to terminate this Agreement on a date specified therein, which date shall not be earlier than ten (10) days after such notice is given, and, if all defaults have not then been cured, on the date so specified, the District's rights to operation of the Project shall cease and this Agreement shall thereupon be terminated, and the County may re-enter and take possession of the Project.

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Section 18. If the District shall fail to keep or perform any of its obligations as provided in this Agreement in respect of (a) maintenance of insurance, (b) payments required hereunder, (c) repairs and maintenance of the Project, (d) substantial compliance with legal or insurance requirements hereunder, (e) keeping the Project lien free, or in the making of any other payment or performance of any other obligation so to do) upon the continuance of such failure on the District's part for thirty (30) days after written notice of such failure is given to the District by the County and without waiving or releasing the District from any obligation hereunder, as an additional but not exclusive remedy, the County may make any such payment or perform any such obligation, and all sums so paid by the County and all necessary incidental costs and expenses incurred by the County in performing such obligation shall be deemed additional amounts due and payable by the District and shall be paid to the County, and if not so paid by the District, the County shall have the same rights and remedies as provided for in the case of default by the District in the payment of amounts due under Section 2 hereof.

Section 19. The District shall indemnify and hold the County, its officers, directors, agents and employees harmless against and from all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing done on the Project during the term of this Agreement, and against and from all claims arising during the term of this Agreement from (a) any condition of the Project caused by the District, (b) any breach or default on the part of the District in the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement, (c) any act of negligence of the District or of any of its agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees, and (d) any act of negligence of any agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees of the District in connection with the construction, installation, furnishing, equipping, management or operation of the Project during the term of this Agreement. Any indemnified party seeking to enforce the above indemnity shall give the District written notice of and the opportunity to defend any claims with respect to which indemnity is sought to be enforced hereunder, in which event the District shall either (i) employ counsel reasonably acceptable to such party to defend such claims and pay all costs and expenses in connection with such defense, or (ii) permit such party to defend such claims itself through counsel of its own choosing in which event the District shall indemnify and hold such party harmless from and against all reasonable costs and expenses incurred in or in connection with any action or proceeding brought with respect to such claims. Upon notice from such party in any such action or proceeding, if the District fails or refuses to proceed under option (i) above, the District shall be deemed to have agreed that such party may proceed under option (ii) above.

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Section 20. Upon payment in full of the Bonds, the County, so long as no event of default by the District hereunder has occurred and is continuing, will immediately transfer all of its right, title and interest in and to the Project to the District.

Section 20. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date set forth above, subject to approval hereof by the PSC or a determination by the PSC that approval of this Agreement is not required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the District has caused this instrument to be executed for and on its behalf by its Chairman and attested by its Secretary and the County has caused this instrument to be executed for an on its behalf by its Judge/Executive and attested by its Fiscal Court Clerk, as of the date first above written.

COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY

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BOONE COUNT WATER DISTRICT 0

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EXHIBIT A

BOONE COUNTY RURAL WATER PROJECT

PROJECT SUMMARY

- I. Project Location Map/Proposed Project Phases (attached)
- II. Description of water main construction/locations;

The project consists of installation of approximately 121,000 feet (23 miles) of ductile iron water main 8" and 12" sizes and appurtenances. The project will extend water service to rural areas and provide water system improvements (looping) for improved water quality and reliability. The estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$6,730,000 which includes a 5% contingency. The project is anticipated to begin construction in the summer 2002 with a 9 month construction period, or completion by spring 2003. A summary of the Phases and locations is as follows:

Phase 1A:	Big Bone Rd./Beaver Rd./Rice Pike area; 52,600 feet of 8" water main
	3,000 feet of 12" water main
Phase IC:	Idlewild Rd(SR 338), Ky 20, 1-275 Idlewild bypass
	Idlebrook Rd/Blackberry Hill Dr. areas:
	34,800 feet of 8" water main
	19,400 feet of 12" water main
Phase 1D:	Bullittsville Rd/Fawn Ln.
	7500 feet of 12" water main
	1900 feet of 8" water main
	2000 feet of 12" water main replacement of 8" line

The water mains will be constructed along the State and County roadways primarily within the road right of way. The construction will be open cut excavation as shown in the plans and specifications. The estimated number of property owners/parcels abutting the proposed water main extension (10/01) is summarized as follows:

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Phase 1A:	144 properties
Phase 1C:	141 properties
Phase 1D:	79 properties (excludes multiple airport parcels)

III. Construction Specifications and Bid Document; Phase 1A, 1C, and 1D, see attached.

IV. Construction Plans; Phase 1A, 1C, and 1D, see attached.

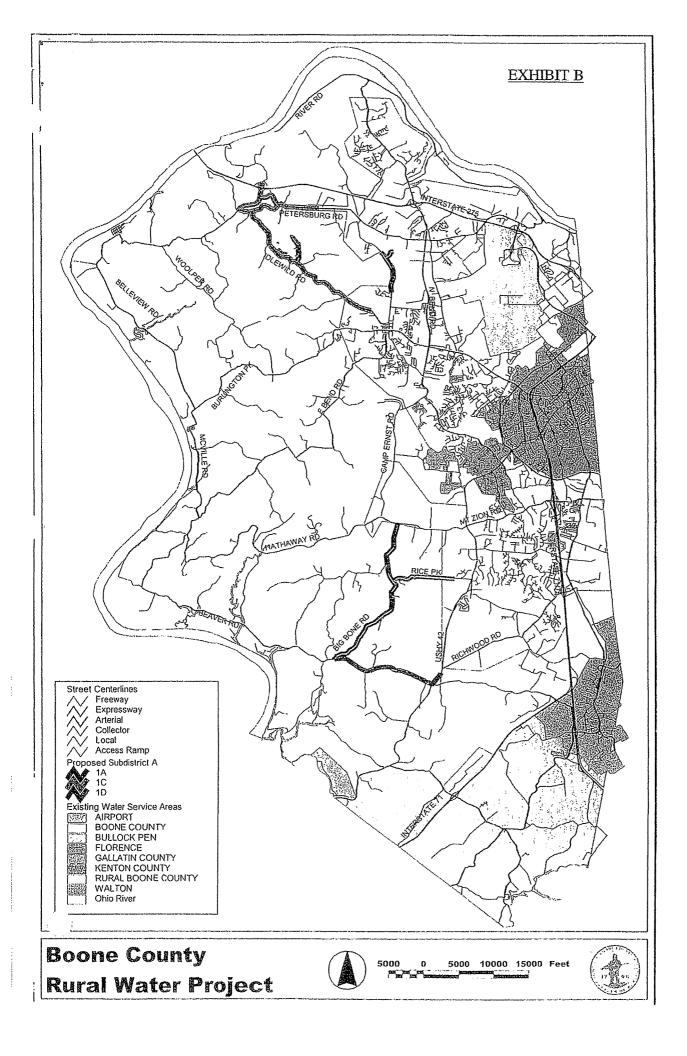


EXHIBIT 4

RURAL WATER SYSTEM MAP ENTIRE SYSTEM

Rural Water

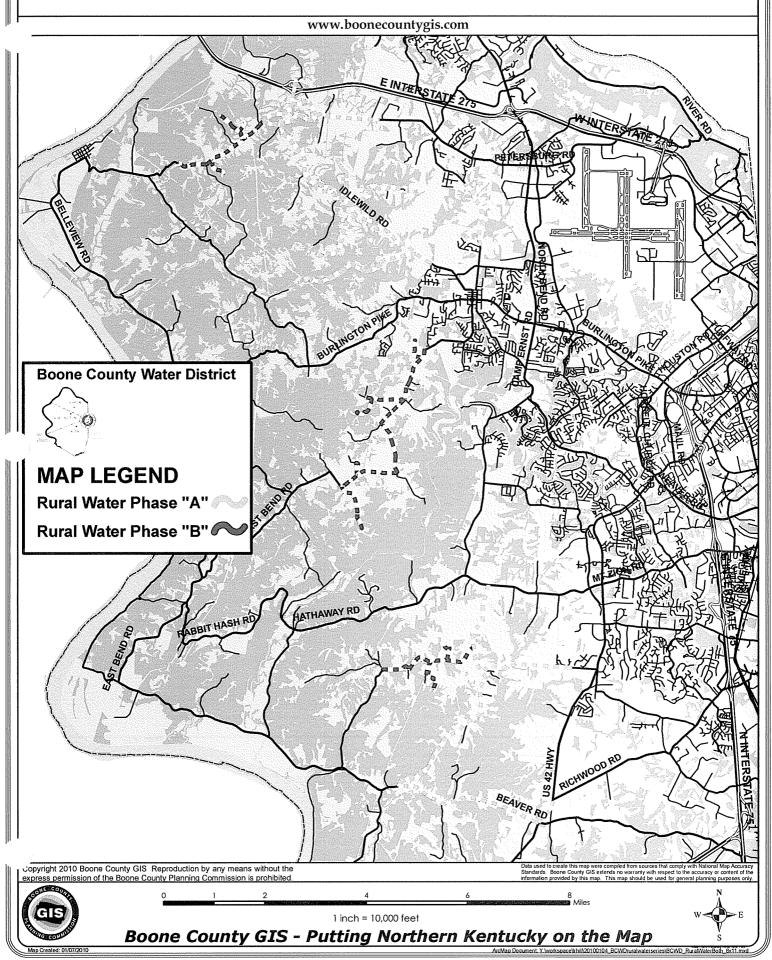


EXHIBIT 4-A

RURAL WATER SYSTEM MAP SUBDISTRICT A

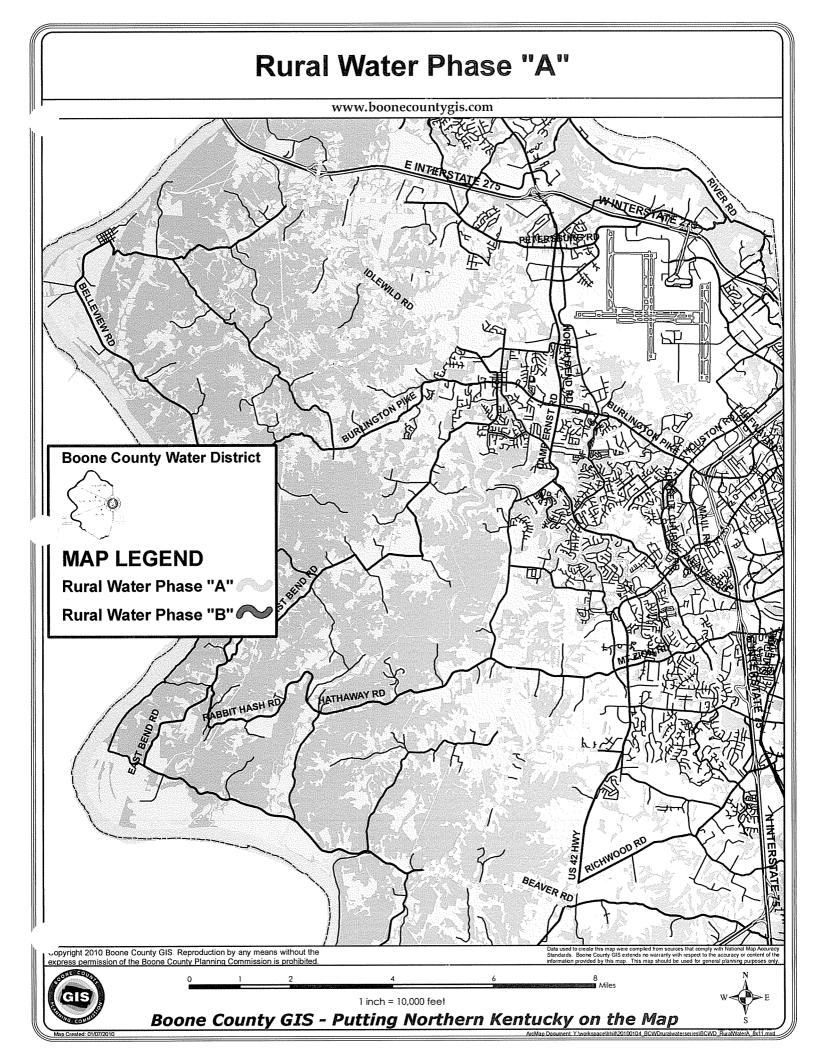


EXHIBIT 4-B

RURAL WATER SYSTEM MAP SUBDISTRICT B

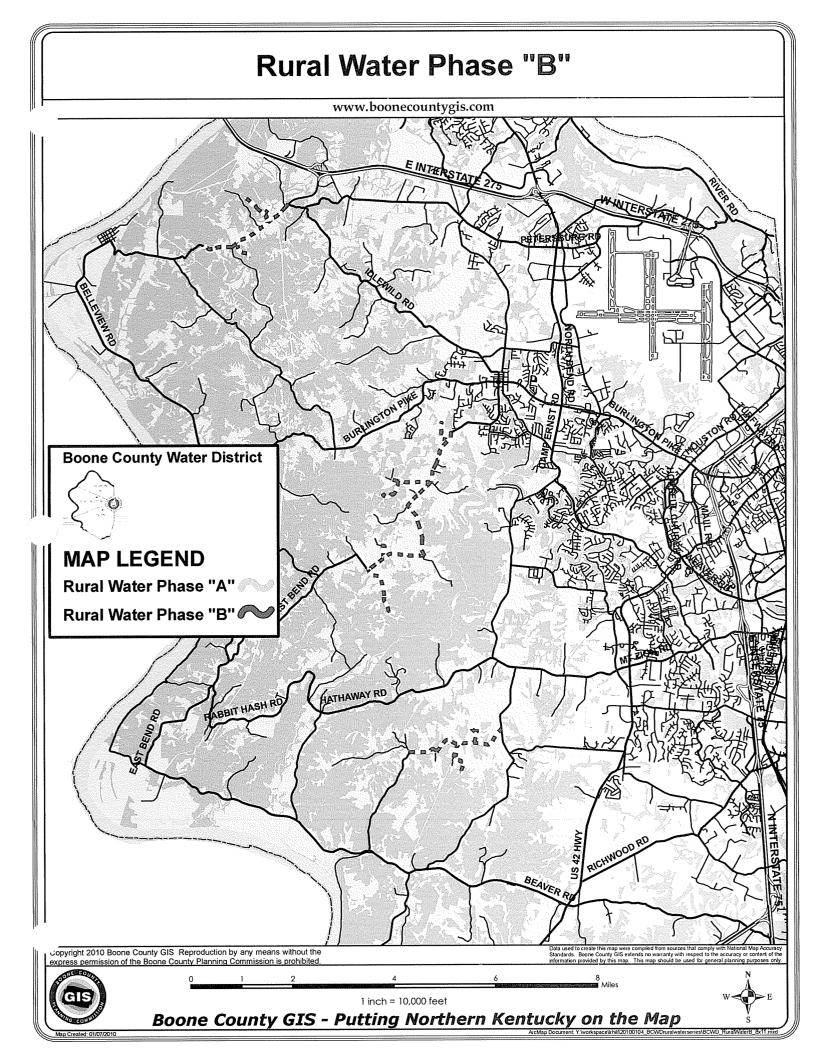


EXHIBIT 5

PSC INTERIM ORDER DATED JULY 9, 2002, AND ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2002, IN CASE NO. 2002-00085

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT THEY GRANT A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AN UNSERVED AREA OF SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2002-00085

INTERIM ORDER

On March 15, 2002, the County of Boone, Kentucky ("County of Boone") submitted an application for (1) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct a water distribution system in an unserved area of Boone County ("Sub District A") at a cost of \$8,425,000, (2) approval of its plan of financing for this project, and (3) approval of the rates and charges for the customers to be serviced by these water line extensions. On June 18, 2002, County of Boone filed a letter with the Commission requesting that its application be amended. It stated that bids had been received and that the cost of the project would be substantially less than originally estimated. It requested that its application be amended to reflect that the cost of the project would be \$4,275,000 and to reflect that it no longer planned to assess the originally proposed initial customer capital cost of up to \$2,000. On July 2, 2002, County of Boone filed with the Commission a revised preliminary plan of financing that reflects the total financing will be \$5,320,000. County of Boone plans to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$5,320,000 at an average interest rate of 4.5 percent to fund the proposed project.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention ("AG") was granted full intervention in this proceeding on May 14, 2002.

To determine the reasonableness of County of Boone's request, the Commission suspended the proposed rates for 5 months from their effective date pursuant to KRS 278.190(2) up to and including September 30, 2002. On May 29, 2002, County of Boone filed a motion with the Commission requesting that the Commission grant a CPCN authorizing the construction of the project and grant approval of the financing of the project by July 1, 2002. In support of its motion, County of Boone states that it would like to take advantage of this construction season and that, since no customers will be served by the project until at least December 1, 2002, granting the CPCN and financing will not affect the Commission's decision with respect to the reasonableness of the rates proposed. The AG filed a response to County of Boone's motion on May 30, 2002, and stated that he takes no position on the motion. This Interim Order addresses the construction and financing proposals of the Applicant in order to allow County of Boone to take advantage of the construction season. A final Order regarding the proposed rates to be charged by County of Boone will be entered by the Commission after a timely and thorough review of the remaining record in this matter.

BACKGROUND

County of Boone proposes to construct 22 miles of 12-inch and 8-inch ductile iron class 50 water transmission mains and related appurtenances in an unincorporated area of

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Boone County, Kentucky. County of Boone states that portions of Boone County are presently served by the city of Florence, Kentucky, the Boone County Water District ("BCWD"), and the Bullock Pen Water District, but states that it is not currently economically feasible to extend a public water supply to the project area without a subsidy by the County of Boone. County of Boone further states that although the area to be served by the project is within the service area of the BCWD, BCWD does not intend to serve the proposed project area due to the detrimental impact this project could have on its financial condition.

County of Boone proposes to construct the project and then connect the project to the BCWD's water distribution system. It proposes to enter an agreement with BCWD wherein the parties agree that BCWD will operate and maintain the project and that upon payment in full of the bonds, County of Boone will immediately transfer all of its right, title, and interest in and to the project to BCWD.

After review of the evidence in the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. County of Boone proposes to construct: Contract 1A - 2,952 linear feet of 12inch and 47,754 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron class 50 water transmission mains and related appurtenances; Contract 1C - 23,865 linear feet of 12-inch and 30,353 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron class 50 water transmission mains and related appurtenances; Contract 1D - 9,511 linear feet of 12-inch and 1,877 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron class 50 water transmission mains and related appurtenances.

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2. Plans and specifications for the proposed improvements prepared by PDR Engineers, Inc. of Sharonville, Ohio have been approved by the Division of Water of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

3. Public convenience and necessity require that the construction identified in County of Boone's application be performed and that a CPCN be granted.

4. The financing plan proposed by County of Boone is for lawful objects within the corporate purpose of its utility operation, is necessary and appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance of the utility's service to the public and will not impair its ability to perform that service, and is reasonably necessary and appropriate for such purpose. It should, therefore, be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. County of Boone is granted a CPCN to proceed with the proposed construction project as set forth in the plans and specifications of record herein.

2. County of Boone shall obtain approval from the Commission prior to performing any additional construction not expressly authorized by this Order.

3. Any deviation from the construction approved shall be undertaken only with the prior approval of the Commission.

4. County of Boone shall furnish documentation of the total costs of this project, including the cost of construction and all other capitalized costs (engineering, legal, administrative, etc.) within 60 days of the date that construction is substantially completed. Construction costs should be classified into appropriate plant accounts in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts for Water Utilities prescribed by the Commission.

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5. County of Boone shall require construction to be inspected under the general supervision of a licensed professional engineer with a Kentucky registration in civil or mechanical engineering, to ensure that the construction work is done in accordance with the contract drawings and specifications and in conformance with the best practices of the construction trades involved in the project.

6. Within 60 days of the substantial completion of the construction certificated herein, County of Boone shall file a copy of the "as-built" drawings and a certified statement that the construction has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract plans and specifications.

7. County of Boone shall monitor the adequacies of the water distribution system after construction. If the level of service is inadequate or declining or the pressure to any customer is outside the requirements of 807 KAR 5:066, Section 5(1), County of Boone shall take immediate action to maintain the level of service in conformance with the regulations of the Commission.

8. County of Boone's proposed plan of financing is approved.

9. County of Boone shall notify the Commission 1 week prior to the actual start of construction and at the 50 percent completion point.

10. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as constituting approval of any other portion of the County of Boone's application.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a warranty of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any agency thereof, of the financing herein accepted.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of July, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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THE APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AN UNSERVED AREA OF SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2002-00085

ORDER

On March 15, 2002, County of Boone, Kentucky ("County of Boone") submitted an application for (1) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a water distribution system in an unserved area of Boone County, (2) approval of its plan of financing for the project, and (3) approval of the rates and charges for the customers to be served by the water line extensions.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention, was granted full intervention in this proceeding on May 14, 2002. He has neither engaged in any discovery nor requested a hearing in this matter.

KRS 278.010(3) defines utility as "any person except...a city, who owns, controls, operates, or manages any facility used or to be used for or in connection with ... [t]he diverting, developing, pumping, impounding, distributing, or furnishing of water to or for the public, for compensation." KRS-278.010 defines a "person" to include corporations and defines "corporation" to include "private, quasipublic and public corporations." County of Boone is a quasipublic corporation. See Howell v. Haney, Ky., 330 S.W.2d 941 (1960). As a quasipublic corporation, it is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

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On July 9, 2002, the Commission issued an Interim Order granting approval of the construction and financing; however, the request for rates was continued until further review could be performed. This Order supplements that Interim Order.

The Commission suspended the proposed rates for 5 months from their effective date, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), to and including September 30, 2002.

County of Boone proposed, and the Commission approved, the construction of a water extension project to serve an area in Boone County where it was not economically feasible for Boone County Water District ("BCWD") to extend service without subsidization by County of Boone. Once constructed, the project will be connected to the BCWD distribution facilities. County of Boone plans to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes to pay for the construction of the facilities. Upon-payment-in-full-of-the-bonds, Gounty-of Boone-intends-to-transfer-the-facilities to BCWD.¹

County of Boone has entered into a contract with BCWD wherein BCWD agrees to operate and maintain the County of Boone's facilities and agrees to read the water meters, to bill the customers, and to collect the charges for County of Boone through June 30. 2003. County of Boone requests approval to charge its customers the same rates and non-recurring charges as those approved for the customers of BCWD and for approval to assess a surcharge of \$25.00 for each 10,000 gallons, or any portion thereof, of water

¹ Response to Commission Staff's Data Request dated June 10, 2002, Item 5.

consumed each month to each customer.² County of Boone states that the revenues collected will be used to pay BCWD for the cost of the treated water and for its fee for operating and maintaining ("O&M") County of Boone's facilities. County of Boone states that the O&M fees will be adjusted each calendar year based on the most recently audited O&M costs for the prior year as reported to the Commission by BCWD in its annual report. The balance of the revenues collected will be used to meet the scheduled principal and interest payments on the bonds.

County of Boone is a new, rather than an existing, utility. Consequently, test period financial information is nonexistent. Initial operating revenues are therefore based upon projections and estimates provided by County of Boone.

County of Boone projects that in the first 3 years of operations, the revenues will be sufficient to meet the bond payments that are due.³ County of Boone states that if the balance of revenues used to pay off the bonds is not sufficient to make the principal and interest payments, the county will pay all shortfalls to ensure that the bond payments are timely made. County of Boone states that it is financially sound and has the ability to ensure the payment of these bonds without jeopardizing other county services.⁴ Therefore, the Commission finds the rates proposed should be approved. However, the Commission advises County of Boone to monitor and review its first year of operations. County of

² County of Boone initially proposed that each customer also pay up to \$2,000 at the time of the tap-on as an "initial customer capital cost." On June 11, 2002, County of Boone informed the Commission that as a result of lower-than-estimated bids for the project, it does not plan to assess the additional \$2,000 initial customer capital cost.

³ Information filed by Terrell Ross on behalf of County of Boone on June 18, 2002.

⁴ Application at 2. <u>See also</u> Application, Exhibit D.

Boone should take appropriate action if actual results differ substantially from the projections.

The non-recurring charges proposed by County of Boone should be approved. These proposed charges are associated with costs that will be incurred by BCWD in its operation and management of County of Boone's facilities and that were previously approved for BCWD.

County of Boone also requests that its rates be adjusted in accordance with any future approved rate adjustments for BCWD. The Commission acknowledges that these two utilities are very closely related, but finds that rates for each utility should be approved. based on their individual conditions. The Commission further finds that there is a provision in the O&M agreement that would, upon notice, allow a party to terminate the agreement. If BCWD ceases to operate and maintain the system, it would not be reasonable for County of Boone's rates to be adjusted automatically when BCWD's rates are adjusted. If, the two utilities believe that their rates should be identical, they may file a joint application for approval of rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

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1. The rates and charges proposed by County of Boone and contained in Appendix A of this Order are approved for services rendered by County of Boone on and after the date of this Order.

 County of Boone's request to revise its rates in accordance with revisions to BCWD's rates is denied. 3. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, County of Boone shall file a tariff containing schedules of all the charges, tolls, rules, and regulations that it plans to impose

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4. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, County of Boone shall also file maps and plats of the area in which it offers service.

5. County of Boone shall monitor and review its operations and take appropriate action if actual results differ substantially from its projections.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of September, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

EXHIBIT 6

PSC ORDER DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2006, IN CASE NO. 2005-00291

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY FOR (A) ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO SERVE SUBDISTRICT B; (B) AUTHORIZATION FOR PROJECT FINANCING; AND (C) AUTHORIZATION TO ADJUST RATES

CASE NO. 2005-00291

ORDER

The County of Boone ("the County") has applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct water distribution facilities in unserved areas of Boone County, Kentucky; authorization to borrow \$2,548,148 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to finance the proposed construction; approval of the proposed rates for customers of the proposed new facilities; and an adjustment of rates for existing customers. After careful review, we grant the application with the exception of the County's request for automatic rate adjustments.

Having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. The County currently owns and operates water distribution facilities that serve approximately 170 customers for compensation in Boone County, Kentucky.¹

¹ Annual Report of Boone County, Kentucky to the Public Service Commission of Kentucky for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2004 at 21.

2. KRS 278.010(3)(d) defines a utility as "any person except . . . a city, who owns, controls, operates, or manages any facility used or to be used for or in connection with . . . [t]he diverting, developing, pumping, impounding, distributing, or furnishing of water to or for the public, for compensation."

3. KRS 278.010(2) defines a "person" to include corporations.

4. KRS 28.010(1) defines "corporation" to include "private, quasipublic and public corporations."

5. The County is a county of Kentucky and, as such, is a quasipublic corporation. <u>See Howell v. Haney</u>, Ky., 330 S.W.2d 941 (1960).

6. Through its ownership and operation of water distribution facilities, the County is a utility and is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. <u>See KRS 278.040(1)</u> and (2).

7. In 2002, the County proposed a multi-phased project to construct facilities to serve portions of unincorporated Boone County for which service by Boone County's then-existing water suppliers² was not feasible. The County's plan contained the following features:

a. The facilities would be located in the territory of Boone County Water District ("Boone District") and would be connected to Boone District's water distribution system.

b. Boone District would operate these facilities under the terms of an "Operation and Maintenance Agreement" between the County and the water district.

² At that time, Boone County Water District, the city of Florence, Kentucky, and Bullock Pen Water District served areas of Boone County.

c. Under the terms of this "Operation and Maintenance Agreement," Boone District agreed to operate and maintain the County's water distribution facilities, to provide potable water to customers of these facilities, and to perform all billing and collection services. In return for these services, the County compensates Boone District based upon an operation and maintenance expense factor, which is determined from Boone District's reported operation and maintenance expenses applied to the number of gallons of water sold to Boone District's customers. Upon payment of all debt instruments to finance these facilities, the County will transfer all of its interest in the facilities to Boone District.

d. The County would assess Boone District's schedule of rates for water service and a monthly surcharge of \$25. The use of the monthly surcharge proceeds would be restricted to retirement of debt instruments that finance the construction of the facilities.

e. As the County anticipated that the proposed rates would not generate sufficient revenues to meet all of the facilities' operating expenses and debt requirements, it would pay any deficit from its general funds to ensure timely payment of debt service on all debt instruments.

8. In Case No. 2002-00085,³ the Commission authorized the construction of the initial phase of the County's project and approved rates for customers served through those facilities.

³ Case No. 2002-00085, The Application of the County of Boone, Kentucky to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Requesting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Construction of a Public Water Distribution System in an Unserved Area of Southern Boone County.

9. The County now proposes to construct approximately 13.4 miles of 12inch and 8-inch ductile iron class 50 water transmission main in selected portions of unincorporated Boone County, Kentucky. These mains will be connected to Boone District's water distribution system.

10. The proposed construction project has the potential to serve approximately 406 households.

11. Approximately 179 households have contracted with the County to receive water service from the proposed construction project.

12. No other water utility presently provides water service to the areas that the proposed water main extensions will serve.

13. Total estimated cost of the proposed construction project is \$3,815,378.

14. The proposed construction will be funded through a \$2,548,148 loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, a grant of \$1,000,000 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, and a contribution of \$267,230 from the County.

15. Tetra Tech, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, prepared the plans and specifications for the proposed improvements.

16. The Division of Water of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet has approved the plans and specifications for the proposed water main extension.

17. The public convenience and necessity require the proposed water main extension.

18. The County's proposed loan of \$2,548,148 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority is for lawful objects within the corporate purpose of the County's

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utility operation, is necessary and appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance of the County's service to the public and will not impair the County's ability to perform that service, is reasonably necessary and appropriate for such purpose, and should be approved.

19. Upon completion of the proposed construction project, Boone District will operate the facilities under the terms of its "Operation and Maintenance Agreement" with the County.

20. The County proposes to define the areas of the initial phase of the multiphased construction project, which has been constructed and is in operation, as Subdistrict A. It proposes to define the areas that the current project will serve as Subdistrict B.

21. The County proposes that the rates for both Subdistricts be established at the same levels as Boone District's rates for water service. The rates that the County currently assesses to customers of Subdistrict A do not reflect the adjustments to Boone District's rates that became effective on February 27, 2003 and are lower than the rates that Boone District currently charges.⁴

22. Given the circumstances surrounding the multi-phased construction project, the County's present financial condition, and the County's stated intention to subsidize the debt service requirements of both Subdistricts, the proposed rates for both

⁴ <u>See</u> Case No. 2002-00295, Application of Boone County Water District for an Adjustment of Rates (Ky. PSC Feb. 27, 2003). The Commission approved rates for Boone District that generated an increase of 39.32 percent in Boone District's test-year revenues.

Subdistricts are reasonable. The proposed rates will require a subsidy from the County's general funds.⁵

23. The County further proposes that the rates for both Subdistricts be automatically adjusted to reflect any adjustments in Boone District's rates for water service. For the reasons set forth in Case No. 2002-00085,⁶ such proposal is unreasonable and should be denied.

24. The County requests authority to deviate from the provisions of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10, that are listed in Appendix A of this Order. Given the unique nature of the County's utility operations and that many of the filing requirements in question will not produce evidence pertinent to the Commission's review, good cause exists to grant the requested deviation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The County is authorized to deviate from the provisions of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10, that are listed in Appendix A of this Order.

 The County's application shall be considered filed as of December 5, 2005.

3. The County is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to proceed with the proposed construction project as set forth in the plans and specifications of record herein.

4. The County shall obtain approval from the Commission prior to performing any additional construction not expressly authorized by this Order.

⁵ See Appendix C of this Order.

⁶ Case No. 2002-00085, Order of September 27, 2002 at 4.

5. Any deviation from the construction approved shall be undertaken only with the prior approval of the Commission.

6. The County shall furnish documentation of the total costs of this project including the cost of construction and all other capitalized costs (engineering, legal, administrative, etc.) within 60 days of the date that construction is substantially completed. Construction cost should be classified into appropriate plant accounts in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts ("USoA") for Water Utilities prescribed by the Commission.

7. The County shall require construction to be inspected under the general supervision of a licensed professional engineer with a Kentucky registration in civil or mechanical engineering to ensure that the construction work is done in accordance with the contract drawings and specifications and in conformance with the best practices of the construction trades involved in the project.

8. The County shall notify the Commission in writing 7 days prior to the actual commencement of the proposed construction and when 50 percent of the proposed construction is completed.

9. The County shall file a copy of the "as-built" drawings and a certified statement that the construction has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract plans and specifications within 60 days of the substantial completion of the construction certificated herein.

10. The County is authorized to enter into a loan agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for \$2,548,148 with a term of 30 years at an interest rate not exceeding 2.71 percent per annum.

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11. The proceeds of the County's loan agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority shall be used only for the lawful purposes specified in the County's application.

12. The rates set forth in Appendix B of this Order are approved for service that the County renders on and after the date of this Order.

13. The County's proposal to automatically adjust its rates to reflect any revisions in Boone District's rates is denied.

14. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, the County shall file a tariff that contains its rates and conditions of service and that conforms to the requirements of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:011. This tariff shall contain separate descriptions and maps of the areas that Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B comprise.

15. The County shall maintain a current description of Subdistricts A and B in its filed tariff so long as the surcharges for both subdistricts are effective.

16. The County shall closely monitor its operations and, if the actual results differ substantially from the projections submitted in support of its application, take appropriate action to maintain the financial viability of its Subdistricts.

17. The County shall take all actions necessary to avoid one Subdistrict from subsidizing another Subdistrict. The collection of all revenues from Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B shall be kept separately to ensure that operation and maintenance expenses and debt service for each Subdistrict are paid only from the revenues collected from the customers of that Subdistrict.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a warranty of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any agency thereof, of the financing herein accepted.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of February, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Case No. 2005-00291

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2005-00291 DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2006

County of Boone is authorized to deviate from the following provisions of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10:

Section 10(6)(h)Section 10(6)(n)Section 10(6)(o)Section 10(6)(p)Section 10(6)(r)Section 10(6)(t)Section 10(7)(a)Section 10(7)(c)Section 10(7)(d)

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2005-00291 DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2006

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the areas served by Subdistricts A and B of the County of Boone. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Monthly Water Rates

<u>SCHEDULE A</u>: All customers except multiple occupancy buildings and mobile home parks.

First	3,000 gallons	\$15.45 Minimum Bill
Next	2,000 gallons	4.65 per 1,000 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	4.40 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	10,000 gallons	3.65 per 1,000 gallons

SCHDULE B: Multiple occupancy buildings and mobile home parks.

First	3,000 gallons	
Next	2,000 gallons	
Next	5,000 gallons	
Next	140,000 gallons	
All Over	150,000 gallons	

\$15.45 Minimum Bill 5.15 per 1,000 gallons 4.65 per 1,000 gallons 4.40 per 1,000 gallons 3.65 per 1,000 gallons

Minimum Bill for Each Meter Size

				Schedule A	Schedule B
3/4"	Meter	3,000	gallons	\$15.45	\$15.45
1"	Meter	5,000	gallons	24.75	25.75
1 1⁄2"	Meter	9,000	gallons	42.35	44.35
2"	Meter	11,000	gallons	50.40	53.40
3"	Meter	21,000	gallons	86.90	97.40
4"	Meter	29,000	gallons	116.10	132.60
6"	Meter	100,000	gallons	375.25	445.00
Over 6"	Meter	100,000	gallons	375.25	445.00

A surcharge of \$25 per month will be assessed to each customer of Subdistricts A and B for each 10,000 gallons or any portion thereof of water consumed each month.

APPENDIX C

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APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2005-00291 DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2006

		Sub [Distr	ict
		A		В
Projected Annual Volume Sales Number of customers Times: Average monthly usage of Sub District A customers from 2004 Annual Report. Used also		170		179
for Sub District B Times: 12 months		6,118 12		6,118 12
Projected annual sales, gallons		12,480,720		13,141,464
Revenue to be Generated from Projected Sales at Proposed Rates Monthly revenue generated from one customer at average usage Plus: Amount of surcharge	\$	29.67 25.00	\$	29.67 25.00
Total average monthly collections per customer Times: Number of customers Times: 12 months		54.67 170 12		54.67 179 12
Total Revenue to be Generated from Projected Sales at Proposed Rates	\$	111,526.80	\$	117,431.16
Projected Cost to be Paid to Boone District by Boone Co Projected Sales Boone District Operation and Maintenance	ount	y For		
Expense per 2004 Annual Report Divide by: Total gallons sold 2004 (Omitted 000's)	\$	7,453,192 1,856,953	\$	7,453,192 1,856,953
Per 1,000 gallon O&M factor Times: Projected sales (Omitted 000's)		4.01 12,481		4.01 13,141
Cost of projected sales	\$	50,093	\$	52,745
Income Available to Retire Debt Compared to Debt Retir				
Projected revenues Less: Projected expenses	\$	111,527 (50,093)	\$	117,431 (52,745)
Income available to retire debt Less: Projected annual debt principal and interest		61,433 (282,923)		64,686 (125,179)
Projected Revenue Shortfall at Proposed Rates	\$	(221,489)	\$	(60,493)

EXHIBIT 7

FINANCIAL CALCULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE NET PRESENT VALUE OF THE REVENUE STREAM TO BE ACQUIRED BY BCWD AND PAYMENTS TO FISCAL COURT AND KIA

2024	2023	2022	2021		2020	2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	10.0	2010	2009				
310,658	301,610	292,825	284,296		276,016	267,977		260,172		252,594		245,236		238,093		231,159		224,427 -		217,890		211.543	£00,00 r	205 381	99,700	REVENUE			
265,180	265,180	265,180	265,180	-	265,180	265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		132.590				FIXED PAYMENT			
																						241.200	100,000	480 000	240,500	FIXED			
45,478	36,430	27,645	19,116		10,836	2,797		(5,008)		(12,586)		(19,944)		(27,087)		(34,021)		(40,753)		(47,290)		(162.247)		(274 A19) A	(140,800)	NET CASH			
265,180	265,180	265,180	265,180		265,180	265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		373.790	100,000	480 000	240,500	FIXED PAYMENT F	TOTAL S	RURAL WATER TRANSFERS	BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
131,254	131,422	131,586	131,745		131,901	132,052		132,198		132,342		132,481		132,617		132,749		132,878		133,003		133,125		133 243	66,680	KIA PAYMENT	Subdistrict B	ISFERS	
August 133,926 February August	August 133,758 February	133,594 February	133,435 February August		133,279 February	133,128 February August		132,982 February		132,838 February	August	132,699 February	August	132,563 February		132,431 February		132,302 February		132,177 February		240,665 February			173,820 August	COUNTY		-	
68,190 68,190 68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190 68.190	68,190	68,190	68,190 68.190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	120,350	120,350	173.350	173 350	174,000	SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENT	FIXED	Subdistrict A	
30,561 29,808 29,040	32,022 31,298	32,731	34,108 33.426	34,776	35,431	36,703 36.074	37,321	37,926	38,519	39,101	39,672	40,231	40,779	41,316	41,843	42,360	42,866	43,363	43,850	44,327	45,818	47,279	49,751	52 175	54,563	INTEREST			
37,629 38,382 39,150	36,168 36,892	35,459	34,082 34.764	33,414	32,759	31,487 32.116	30,869	30,264	29,671	29,089	28,518	27,959	27,411	26,874	26,347	25,830	25,324	24,827	24,340	23,863	74,532	73,071	123,599	121 175	119,437	PRINCIPAL			
1,490,397 1,452,015 1,412,865	1,564,918 1,528,026	1,601,086	1,671,309 1.636.545	1,705,391	1,738,805	1,803,680 1.771.564	1,835,167	1,866,036	1,896,300	1,925,971	1,955,060	1,983,578	2,011,537	2,038,948	2,065,822	2,092,169	2,117,999	2,143,323	2,168,150	2,192,490	2,216,353	2,290,885	2,363,956	2 487 555	2,728,167 2,608,730	LEASE	CAPITALIZED		

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

		2037		2036		2035		2034		2033		2032		2031		2030		2029		2028		2027		2026		2025				
8,916,928		456,212		442,925		430,024		417,498	-	405,339		393,533		382,070		370,943		360,138		349,649		339,465		329,577		319,978				
7,027,270 961,700		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180	PATWENT PATWENT	FIXED FIXED		
927,958,		191,032		177,745		164,844		152,318		140,159		128,353		116,890		105,763		94,958		84,469		74,285		64,397		54,798	CHOL	NET		
7,988,970		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180		265,180	PAT MEN 1		TOTAL	
3,614,353		61,270		122,720		122,952		123,178		123,398		123,612		123,820		124,023		124,221		124,413		127,485		130,904		131,081	PAT MENT	KIA	Subdistrict B	
4,374,617	August	203,910 February	August	142,460 February	August	142,228 February	August	142,002 February		141,782 February	August	141,568 February		141,360 February		141,157 February		140,959 February	August	140,767 February	August	137,695 February		134,276 February	August	134,099 February		DUE		
4,374,900	102,000	102,000	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190	68,190		SEMI-ANNUAL	Subdistrict A	
4,374,900 1,646,733	2,000	3,961	5,220	6,455	7,665	8,852	10,015	11,156	12,275	13,371	14,446	15,500	16,533	17,546	18,539	19,512	20,467	21,403	22,320	23,219	24,101	24,966	25,813	26,644	27,459	28,257	INTEREST	MITEDEOT		
2,728,167	100,000	98,039	62,970	61,735	60,525	59,338	58,175	57,034	55,915	54,819	53,744	52,690	51,657	50,644	49,651	48,678	47,723	46,787	45,870	44,971	44,089	43,224	42,377	41,546	40,731	39,933				
•	0	100,000	198,039	261,009	322,744	383,269	442,607	500,782	557,816	613,731	668,550	722,294	774,984	826,641	877,285	926,936	975,614	1,023,337	1,070,124	1,115,994	1,160,965	1,205,054	1,248,278	1,290,655	1,332,201	1,372,932		LEASE	CAPITALIZED	

ASSUMPTIONS: BCWD will purchase Subdistrict B immediately and assume bond liability. Revenues will increase 3 % per year. Net present value of stream of cash flow for BCWD is zero using a 4% discount interest rate. Interest rate on Capitalized Lease is 4%. BCFC will receive Capitalized Lease payments and pay the Series 2002 Bonds.

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EXHIBIT 8

RURAL WATER SYSTEM TARIFF

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2005-00291 DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2006

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the areas served by Subdistricts A and B of the County of Boone. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Monthly Water Rates

<u>SCHEDULE A</u>: All customers except multiple occupancy buildings and mobile home parks.

First	3,000 gallons	\$15.45 Minimum Bill
Next	2,000 gallons	4.65 per 1,000 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	4.40 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	10,000 gallons	3.65 per 1,000 gallons

<u>SCHDULE B</u>: Multiple occupancy buildings and mobile home parks.

First	3,000	gallons	\$15.45 Minimum Bill
Next	2,000	gallons	5.15 per 1,000 gallons
Next	5,000	gallons	4.65 per 1,000 gallons
Next	140,000	gallons	4.40 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	150,000	gallons	3.65 per 1,000 gallons

Minimum Bill for Each Meter Size

				Schedule A	Schedule B
3/4"	Meter	3,000	gallons	\$15.45	\$15.45
1"	Meter	5,000	gallons	24.75	25.75
1 1⁄2"	Meter	9,000	gallons	42.35	44.35
2"	Meter	11,000	gallons	50.40	53.40
3"	Meter	21,000	gallons	86.90	97.40
4"	Meter	29,000	gallons	116.10	132.60
6"	Meter	100,000	gallons	375.25	445.00
Over 6"	Meter	100,000	gallons	375.25	445.00

A surcharge of \$25 per month will be assessed to each customer of Subdistricts A and B for each 10,000 gallons or any portion thereof of water consumed each month.

EXHIBIT 9

KIA LOAN REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT 10

BCWD FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

MORRIS & BRESSLER

December 22, 2009

To the Commissioners Boone County Water District P. O. Box 18 Burlington, KY 41005

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of Boone County Water District as of October 31, 2009 and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets for the twelve months ended October 31, 2009, and the accompanying supplementary information contained in Schedule 1 which is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements and supplementary schedule information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and supplementary schedule and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and the statement of cash flows required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures and statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Water District's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Management has not presented the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is required to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic` financial statements.

We are not independent with respect to Boone County Water District.

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Morris & Bressler, PSC Certified Public Accountants

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2009

OPERATING REVENUES

Water revenue Forfeited discounts Other water revenues	10,422,550 207,887 <u>82,027</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	10,712,464
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Water purchased Operation and maintenance expense Depreciation	6,113,480 2,880,155 1,893,432
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	10,887,067
OPERATING LOSS	(174,603)
NON-OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE) Investment income Gain on sale of assets Interest on long-term obligations Amortization of bond discounts and expenses	122,308 3,211 (128,257) (13,798)
NET NON-OPERATING EXPENSE	(16,536)
NET LOSS	(191,139)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	1,542,812
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,351,673
NET ASSETS, NOVEMBER 1	72,844,881
NET ASSETS, OCTOBER 31	74,196,554

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See accompanying accountants' report.

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31, 2009

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	2,812,128
Certificates of deposit	950,180
Accounts receivable	
Customers, net of allowance	1,938,404
Others	39,127
Assessments receivable	291,514
Inventories	160,327
Prepaids	13,418
Accrued interest income	3,143
Current portion of deferred charges	9,691
Total Current Assets	6,217,932
Restricted Assets	44 500
Debt service account	44,560
Debt service reserve	515,000
Renewal and replacement fund	1,750,000
Total Restricted Assets	2,309,560
Noncurrent Assets	4.40,000
Miscellaneous deferred charges	140,902
Capital Assets	
Land, building, transmission system, equipment, and vehicles	88,792,918
Construction in progress	109,946
Total utility plant in service	88,902,864
Less accumulated depreciation	(19,466,560)
Total Capital Assets, Net	69,436,304
TOTAL ASSETS	78,104,698
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	704,879
Accrued payroll and taxes	117,244
Customer deposits	121,542
Total Current Liabilities	943,665
Current Liabilities Payable From Restricted Asses	
Bonds payable	225,000
Accrued interest payable	9,479
Total Current Liabilities Payable From Restricted Assets	234,479
Long-Term Obligations	
Bonds	2,730,000
Total Long-term Obligations	2,730,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,908,144
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	67,538,191
Restricted	2,091,596
Unrestricted	4,566,767

74,196,554

TOTAL NET ASSETS

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SCHEDULE 1 – BOND INDEBTEDNESS OCTOBER 31, 2009

Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2001

In October of 2001, the District sold \$2,750,000 of revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay and discharge a bond anticipation note belonging to the District, to fund a debt service reserve and to pay costs of issuance of bonds. The bond anticipation note was originally issued in the amount of \$2,500,000 to finance the costs of major water system facilities consisting of a waterline extension, an administrative building, and an automated meter reading system. The bonds are secured by the District's revenues and fixed assets. All bonds are issued in denominations of \$5,000, are numbered and mature on October 1st of each year beginning in 2003 and ending in 2021. Interest is payable on April 1st and October 1st of each year. During the twelve months ended October 31, 2009 the District paid interest of \$89,412 on these bonds. The Series 2001 bonds, dated September 15, 2001 are scheduled to mature as follows:

Year	Interest <u>Rates</u>	Principal Amount	Interest <u>Amount</u>	Total <u>Debt Service</u>
2010	3.90%	\$ 125,000	\$ 84,662	\$ 209,662
2011	4.00%	130,000	79,787	209,787
2012	4.00%	135,000	74,587	209,587
2013	4.10%	140,000	69,188	209,188
2014	4.25%	145,000	63,447	386,705
2015-2021	4.45%-4.75%	1,235,000	241,705	1,298,447
Totals		<u>\$1,910,000</u>	<u>\$613,376</u>	<u>\$2,523,376</u>

Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004

In November 2004, the District sold \$1,975,000 of revenue bonds in order to redeem the Water System Refunding and Revenue Bonds, 1993 Series A. The bonds are secured by the District's revenues and fixed assets. The bonds mature on or after October 1, 2018 at a redemption price of 100%. Interest is payable April 1st and October 1st of each year. Maturing bond principal is due October 1st of each year. The District paid interest of \$39,672 on these bonds during the twelve months ended October 31, 2009. The Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, are scheduled to mature as follows.

Year	Interest <u>Rates</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Amount</u>	Total <u>Debt Service</u>
2010	3.00%	\$ 100,000	\$ 36,673	\$ 136,673
2011	3.10%	105,000	33,672	138,672
2012	3.375%	110,000	30,418	140,418
2013	3.400%	115,000	26,705	141,705
2014	3.50%	115,000	22,795	137,795
2015-2018	3.60%-3.90%	500,000	48,300	548,300
Totals		<u>\$1,045,000</u>	<u>\$198,563</u>	<u>\$1,243,563</u>

See accountants' report.

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SCHEDULE 1 – BOND INDEBTEDNESS OCTOBER 31, 2009

Defeased District Revenue Bonds

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The District has irrevocably placed \$1,426,101 from the 1993 Series A Bond proceeds to trust to be used solely for satisfying scheduled payments of both interest and principal of the prior bond issue of 1967. This defeasance was completed in 2007.

In November 2004, the District irrevocably placed \$1,924,562 from the 2004 Series Bond proceeds in trust to be used solely for satisfying schedule payments of both principal and interest of the 1993 Series A Bonds

These defeased revenue bonds outstanding at October 31, 2009 are as follows:

Year	<u>S</u>	1993 Jeries A	967 <u>sue</u>		ncipal <u>Tota</u> l
2010 2011 2012 2013 2014-2018		95,000 100,000 105,000 115,000 <u>635,000</u> 050,000	\$ - - - -	\$ <u>\$1</u>	95,000 100,000 105,000 115,000 <u>635,000</u> ,050,000

These revenues bonds are considered extinguished and do not appear as liabilities on the accompanying balance sheets as of October 31, 2009. The balance of losses incurred on defeasement was \$41,075 for the twelve months ended October 31, 2009. This loss is being amortized over fifteen years.

See accountants' report.

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information Case No. 2022-00101

Question No. 2

Responding Witness: Legal Counsel

Q-2. State all reasons that KRS 74.361(5) does not apply to Boone District's acquisition of water utility facilities from Boone Fiscal Court.

Q-2. KRS 74.361(5) is not applicable to Boone County Water District's ("Boone District") acquisition of facilities from Boone County Fiscal Court ("Boone Fiscal Court") because Boone District did not acquire the Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B facilities through an involuntary merger of water districts. The transaction was not a merger of any water districts, much less an involuntary merger of water districts initiated by the Public Service Commission ("PSC").

KRS 74.361 addresses the PSC's authority to involuntarily merged two or more water districts. It sets forth the procedures that the PSC must follow, the specific actions it must take, and the findings that it must make to forcibly merge two water districts. KRS 74.361(5) addresses the debt obligations of water districts that are involuntarily merged.

Boone Fiscal Court constructed and operated the facilities in question pursuant to KRS 67.083(3)(r), which grants a fiscal court the power to carry out governmental functions necessary for the operation of the county, including the provision of water service. It had sought to extend water service to areas of Boone County within Boone District's territory that Boone District was reluctant to serve by constructing and operating its own water distribution facilities. Once these facilities were constructed, Boone Fiscal Court identified for administrative purposes the geographic areas these facilities served as "Subdistrict A" and "Subdistrict B" respectively.

Neither Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B were water districts. Water districts are established pursuant to KRS 74.012¹ or KRS 67.715(2).² Boone Fiscal

¹ "Subject to the provisions of KRS 74.012 a fiscal court may create a water district in accordance with the procedures of KRS 65.810."

² "The county judge/executive or county judges/executive of multicounty districts may, with approval of the fiscal court or fiscal courts, create any special district or abolish or combine any special district, provided the district was created solely by the county judge/executive or county

Court never took any action pursuant to those statutes to establish either Subdistrict as a water district. As the geographical areas in which the facilities are located were actually within Boone District's territory,³ it was questionable at that time whether a new water district could be established to serve an area within the geographical territory of an existing water district.⁴

When Boone District subsequently possessed the financial resources to assume responsibility for these facilities, Boone Fiscal Court transferred the facilities to Boone District in consideration for the water district assuming the financial obligations arising out of the facilities' construction. This transaction, which was the subject of Case No. 2010-00065, was not a merger of water districts, but a sale of water distribution facilities. To the extent that this sale represented a transfer of control of a utility, KRS 278.020(5) and $(6)^5$ required the parties to obtain PSC approval.

In its Order of May 11, 2010 in Case No. 2010-00065, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 2** to this Response, the PSC does not describe the transaction as a merger of water districts or the proceeding as a "merger proceeding." Neither the word "merger" or a reference to KRS 74.361

judges/executive or solely by one or more such fiscal courts." *See Howard v. McLean County Fiscal Court*, No. 2013-CA-000054-MR (Ky. Ct. App. Jan. 30, 2015) (holding that KRS 67.715(2) establishes an alternative means of creating a special district); OAG 83-291; OAG 83-393.

³ The Application of Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District for Transfer of Control of Water System; To Terminate an Existing Operation and Maintenance Agreement Between the Applicants; and Approval of Agreements Between the Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and Boone County Water District as Debt Instruments, Case No. 2010-00065 (Ky. PSC May 11, 2010), Order at 3.

⁴ OAG 63-666 (opining that a water district may not annex the territory of another water district); OAG 76-285 (suggesting that a water district may not annex the territory of another water district.). *See generally Pewee Valley Fire Protection Dist. v. South Oldham Fire Protection District*, 570 S.W.2d 290 (Ky. App. 1978) (rejecting a fire protection district's attempt to annex the territory of another fire protection in the absence of any specific legislative authorization for such action). *But see Carroll County Water District v. Gallatin County Water District*, No. 2009-CA-000864 (Ky. Ct. App. Apr. 23, 2010).

⁵ Case No. 2010-00065, Order of May 11, 2020 at 9-10. The PSC had previously found that Boone County Fiscal Court was a utility as a result of its ownership and operation of the facilities. *The Application of the County of Boone, Kentucky for (A) Issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct An Improvements Project to Serve Subdistrict B; (B) Authorization for Project Financing; and (C) Authorization to Adjust Rates*, Case No. 2005-00291 (Ky. PSC Feb. 1, 2006), Order at 2 ("Through its ownership and operation of water distribution facilities, the County is a utility and is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.").

appears in the Order. The PSC does not order the merger of the two parties or authorize or direct any change in the organization of either party to the proceeding or order the merger of Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B into Boone District. It merely authorizes Boone District to acquire Boone Fiscal Court's facilities⁶ and to assume certain debt obligations.⁷

The record of Case No. 2010-00065 contains no evidence that the transfer of the facilities was "involuntary." The PSC did not initiate the proceeding. It was voluntarily initiated by the joint application of Boone District and Boone Fiscal Court.

The record of Case No. 2010-00065 further contains no evidence that the PSC observed the procedural requirements crucial to an involuntary merger proceeding. No written feasibility report and study on merger is prepared as KRS 74.361(2) requires. No order is issued giving notice to Boone District, Boone District's commissioners or the Boone County Judge-Executive that a merger was being considered or the nature of the PSC's merger proposal as KRS 74.361(3) requires. No formal hearing on a proposed merger is held. No final order "either merging the water districts which are the subject of the merger proceedings into a single water district, or abandoning the merger proposal" is entered as KRS 74.361(4) requires. If the PSC had considered the proceeding as an involuntary merger proceeding, it most certainly would have complied with these procedural requirements.

The PSC's treatment of the monthly surcharge of \$25 assessed to customers in the Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B areas is further evidence that the PSC did not consider KRS 74.361 applicable to the transaction. If KRS 74.361(4) were applicable to the transaction, then Boone District would have been limited to funding debt service requirements on the Boone County bonds issued to finance the construction of the Subdistrict A facilities and on the KIA Assistance Agreement to fund the Subdistrict B facilities from the monthly surcharge. The PSC acknowledged in its Order of May 11, 2010 that Boone Fiscal Court's "water service rates . . . [did] not presently generate

⁶ Case No. 2010-00065, Order of May 11, 2020 at 11 ("The transfer of control of the County's water distribution facilities to Boone District is approved").

⁷ In the first paragraph of its Order of May 11, 2010, the PSC states: "Boone County Fiscal Court ("the County" and Boone County Water District ("Boone District") have jointly applied for Commission authorization for the transfer of control of the County's water distribution system to Boone District." Case No. 2010-00065, Order of May 11, 2010 at 1 (emphasis added).

sufficient revenues to meet the facilities' operating expenses and debt service requirements."⁸ As Boone District noted in its Response to PSC Staff's First Request for Information, the PSC was aware at the time it initially authorized Boone Fiscal Court to assess the surcharge to customers in the Subdistrict B area that the surcharge was unlikely ever to generate revenues sufficient to meet the debt service requirements of Boone Fiscal Court's Assistance Agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.⁹ That the PSC did not require Boone District to adjust the existing surcharges to ensure they recovered sufficient revenues to pay these debt obligations and did not prohibit Boone District from using system-wide general revenues to meet these obligations demonstrates that the PSC did not consider the transaction a merger and did not consider KRS 74.361 applicable.

The PSC's failure to order Boone District to assess a monthly surcharge of \$25 to customers within the Subdistrict B area until the retirement of the KIA loan is further evidence that the PSC did not consider KRS 74.361 applicable. The PSC authorized only continued collection of the surcharge until Boone District's obligations under the Supplemental Assistance Agreement were satisfied. Simply put, it placed a termination date on the collection of the surcharge to protect Subdistrict B customers against the continued assessment of the surcharge after the loan had been paid, but did not preclude Boone District from using general funds to satisfy its obligations and terminating the surcharge prior to the satisfaction of the Supplemental Assistance Agreement if Boone District's Board of Commissioners determined such action was in the best interests of the water district and its customers.

⁸ *Id.* at 6, Finding 15.

⁹ Case No. 2022-00101, Boone County Water District's Response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Question 1 at 1-2.

EXHIBIT 2

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF WATER SYSTEM; TO TERMINATE AN EXISTING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE APPLICANTS; AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND KENTUCKY))))) CASE NO. 2010-00065))
)
INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY AND BOONE)
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AS DEBT)
INSTRUMENTS	

ORDER

Boone County Fiscal Court ("the County") and Boone County Water District ("Boone District") have jointly applied for Commission authorization for the transfer of control of the County's water distribution system to Boone District. Boone District has also applied for authorization to enter into a Purchase and Lease Agreement with the County and for authorization to assume the County's obligations under a loan agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority ("KIA").

Having considered the application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Boone District is a water district organized pursuant to KRS Chapter 74.

2. Boone District owns and operates a water distribution system that serves approximately 23,097 customers in Boone County, Kentucky.¹

3. As of December 31, 2009, Boone District had total net utility plant of \$70,165,663.²

4. As of December 31, 2009, Boone District had total assets and debits of \$78,514,967 and total liabilities of \$4,004,524.³

5. As of December 31, 2009, Boone District employed 30 persons to operate and manage its water distribution system.⁴

6. For the year ending December 31, 2009, Boone District had total water operating revenues of \$10,350,435.⁵

7. The County is the legislative and governing body for Boone County, Kentucky.

8. In 2002, the County began a multi-phased project to construct facilities to serve portions of unincorporated Boone County for which service by Boone County's then-existing water suppliers⁶ was not feasible.

² *Id.* at 7.

³ *Id.* at 9.

⁴ *Id.* at 5.

⁵ *Id.* at 11.

⁶ At that time, Boone County Water District, the city of Florence, Kentucky, and Bullock Pen Water District served areas of Boone County.

¹ Annual Report of Boone County Water District to the Public Service Commission of Kentucky for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2009 at 27.

9. In 2002, the County constructed Subdistrict A - the first phase of its planned facilities. This phase consisted of 6.83 miles of 12-inch water mains and 15.15 miles of 8-inch water mains and was constructed at a cost of \$5,081,811. It was financed with the proceeds of the sale of general obligation bonds (General Obligation Public Bonds, Series 2002B).⁷

10. In 2006, the County constructed Subdistrict B - the second phase of its planned facilities. This phase consisted of 4.07 miles of 12-inch water mains and 9.27 miles of 8-inch water mains and was constructed at a cost of \$3,815,378. The County funded this construction with \$2,548,148 from the proceeds of a KIA loan, a KIA grant of \$1,000,000, and internal funds of \$267,230.⁸

11. The County's facilities are located in unincorporated areas of Boone County and are within Boone District's territory. Figures 1 and 2 reflect the locations of these facilities.

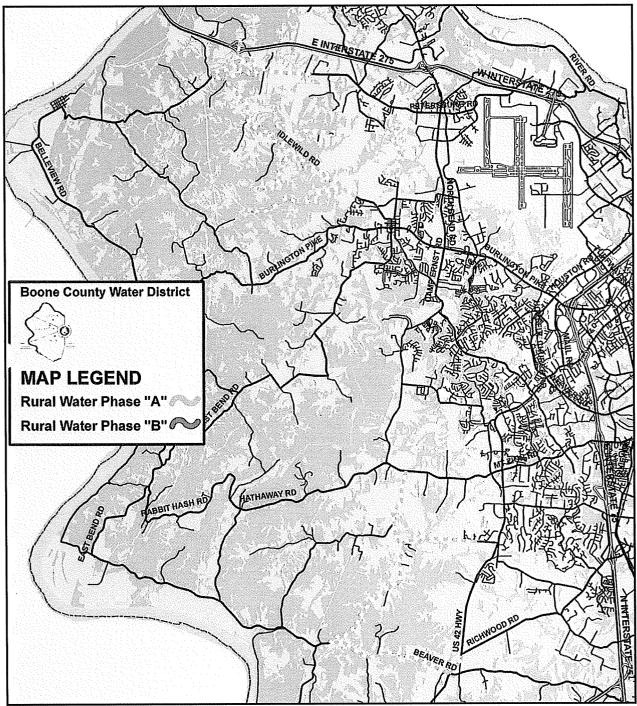
12. On August 1, 2002, the County executed an "Operation and Maintenance Agreement" with Boone District in which Boone District agreed to operate and maintain the County's water distribution facilities, to provide potable water to customers of these facilities, and to perform all billing and collection services. In return for these services, the County would compensate Boone District based upon an operation and maintenance expense factor, which is determined from Boone District's reported operation and maintenance expenses applied to the number of gallons of water sold to

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⁷ See Case No. 2002-00085, *County of Boone, Kentucky* (Ky. PSC July 9, 2002) (approving construction of the facilities and issuance of bonds).

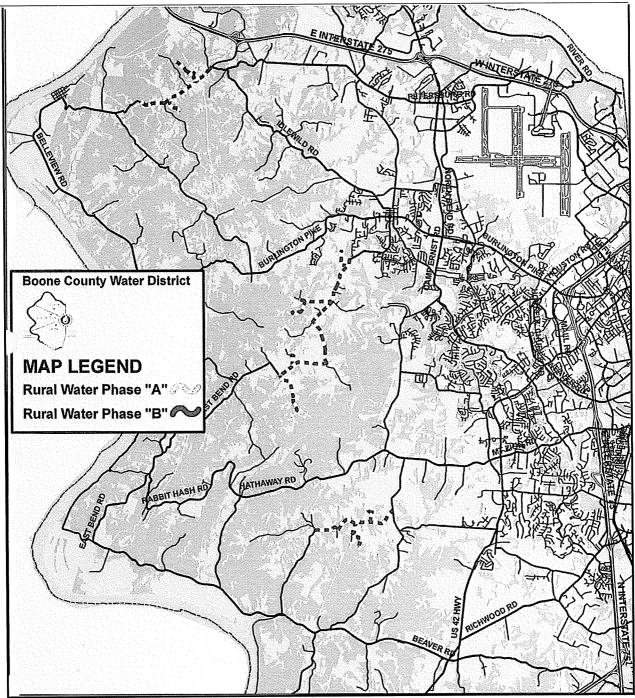
⁸ See Case No. 2005-00291, *County of Boone, Kentucky* (Ky. PSC Feb. 1, 2006).

FIGURE 1: SUBDISTRICT A



Source: Application, Exhibit 4-A.

FIGURE 2: SUBDISTRICT B



Source: Application, Exhibit 4-B

Boone District's customers. Upon payment of all debt instruments to finance these facilities, the County agreed to transfer its interest in the facilities to Boone District.

13. Boone District has operated and maintained the County's water distribution facilities since their construction.

14. The County currently charges rates for water service based upon Boone District's schedule of rates for water service and a monthly surcharge of \$25. The proceeds from the monthly surcharge are used solely to retire the debt obligations incurred to finance the facilities' construction.

15. The County's water service rates do not presently generate sufficient revenues to meet the facilities' operating expenses and debt service requirements.⁹ Since the construction of the facilities, the County has paid from its general funds any deficit to meet debt instruments.

16. As of December 31, 2008, the County's facilities served 500 customers and had total annual water operating revenues of \$781,078.¹⁰

17. The County proposes to execute a "Purchase and Lease Agreement" with Boone District to transfer control of its water distribution facilities to Boone District. This agreement provides:

a. Boone District will lease the County's Subdistrict A facilities until August 1, 2037.

⁹ Annual Report of the County of Boone, Kentucky to the Public Service Commission of Kentucky for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2008 at 9.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 21.

b. Boone District will make semi-annual lease payments to the County. These payments represent the amount necessary to meet the principal and interest payments on that portion of General Obligation Public Bonds, Series 2002B, that the County used to finance the construction of Subdistrict A facilities.

c. Boone District's semi-annual lease payments will also compensate the County for revenues that the County foregoes by the termination of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement and immediate transfer of control of the facilities to Boone District.

d. Assuming no prepayments, Boone District will make lease payments to Boone County totaling \$4,374,900 over the term of the lease agreement. Approximately \$2,728,167 of this amount represents the payment of principal.

e. Boone District may prepay in full its lease payments by paying the sum of the unpaid principal component of the lease payments, any due or past due lease payments, and any unpaid accrued interest on the outstanding principal component of the lease payments.

f. Upon completion or prepayment of the lease payments, full legal title to the Subdistrict A facilities will transfer to Boone District.

g. The County will transfer title and all interest in the County's Subdistrict B facilities in return for Boone District's assumption of the County's obligations to repay the remaining balance owed on the KIA loan into which the County entered to finance the construction of the Subdistrict B facilities.

h. The County, Boone District, and KIA will execute an "Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement" that amends the County's original loan

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agreement with KIA and substitutes Boone District as the responsible party for payment of the remaining balance owned on the KIA loan.

18. Upon execution of the Purchase and Lease Agreement and the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement, the County and Boone District will terminate the existing Operation and Maintenance Agreement and the customers of the County's facilities will become Boone District's customers.

19. The County's current customers will not experience any change in their current rates for water service, but will continue to pay Boone District's rates and charges for water service and a monthly surcharge of \$25. Proceeds from the monthly surcharge will be used solely to retire Boone District's obligations under the Purchase and Lease Agreement and the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement. Upon payment of these obligations, the surcharge will cease.

20. The County's loan agreement with KIA is for a 30-year period and requires semi-annual principal and interest payments. The final loan payment is scheduled for June 1, 2037. The loan has an interest rate of 2.70 percent per annum. As of December 1, 2009, the remaining balance on this loan was \$2,394,369.¹¹

21. Boone District's acquisition of the County's facilities will enhance Boone District's ability to expand water service in rural areas of Boone County by integrating the County's facilities completely within its own distribution system and permitting Boone District to make extensions to the existing County facilities. Presently, the County's facilities serve as a barrier to expansion of Boone District's facilities to unserved areas of Boone County.

¹¹ Application at Exhibit 9.

Based upon these findings of fact, the Commission makes the following conclusions of law:

1. KRS 278.010(3)(d) defines a utility as "any person except . . . a city, who owns, controls, operates or manages any facility used or to be used for or in connection with . . . [t]he diverting, developing, pumping, impounding, distributing, or furnishing of water to or for the public, for compensation."

2. KRS 278.010(2) defines a "person" to include corporations.

3. KRS 278.010(1) defines "corporation" to include "private, quasipublic and public corporations."

4. The County is a county of Kentucky and, as such, is a quasipublic corporation.¹²

5. Through its ownership and operation of water distribution facilities, the County is a utility and is subject to Commission jurisdiction.¹³

6. Boone District is a public corporation.¹⁴

7. Boone District is a utility and is subject to Commission jurisdiction.¹⁵

8. KRS 278.020(5) provides that "[n]o person shall acquire or transfer ownership of, or control, or the right to control, any utility under the jurisdiction of the commission . . . without prior approval by the commission." As Boone District is a

¹² See Howell v. Haney, 330 S.W.2d 941 (Ky. 1960).

¹³ KRS 278.040(1) and (2).

¹⁴ KRS 74.070. See also Essex Intern, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 484 S.W.2d 837 (Ky. 1972); City of Cold Spring v. Campbell County Water District, 334 S.W.2d. 269 (Ky. 1960).

¹⁵ KRS 278.015.

person and proposes to acquire ownership of the County's water distribution facilities, this statute is applicable to and requires Commission approval of the proposed transfer.

9. KRS 278.020(6) provides that "[n]o individual, group, syndicate, general or limited partnership, association, corporation, joint stock company, trust, or other entity (an 'acquirer'), whether or not organized under the laws of this state, shall acquire control, either directly or indirectly, of any utility furnishing utility service in this state, without having first obtained the approval of the commission."

10. Boone District has the financial, technical, and managerial abilities to provide reasonable service to the County's present customers.

11. Boone District's proposed acquisition of control of the County's facilities is in accordance with law, for a proper purpose, and consistent with the public interest.

12. KRS 278.300 provides that no utility shall issue any evidences of indebtedness or assume any obligation or liability in respect to evidences of indebtedness of any other person until it has been authorized to do so by the Commission.

13. Boone District's execution of the Purchase and Lease Agreement and the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement and the obligations and liabilities evidenced by those agreements is for a lawful object within Boone District's corporate purposes, is necessary and appropriate for and consistent with Boone District's proper performance of its service to the public and will not impair its ability to perform that service and is reasonably necessary and appropriate for such purpose.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The transfer of control of the County's water distribution facilities to Boone District is approved.

2. Boone District is authorized to enter into the Purchase and Lease Agreement.

3. Boone District is authorized to execute the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement.

4. Within 10 days of executing the Purchase and Lease Agreement, Boone District and the County shall notify the Commission in writing of the execution of the Agreement.

5. Within 10 days of executing the Purchase and Lease Agreement, Boone District shall file revised tariff sheets reflecting addition of the monthly surcharge assessed to the County's current customers. These sheets shall contain separate descriptions and maps of the areas comprised by Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B.

6. Boone District shall maintain a current description of Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B in its filed tariff sheets as long as the monthly surcharges are in effect.

7. Boone District shall maintain separate records of the collection of all surcharge revenues from Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B to ensure an accurate accounting of surcharge collections.

8. Boone District is authorized to assess a monthly surcharge of \$25 to Subdistrict A customers until complete satisfaction of its obligations to make lease payments to the County under the Purchase and Lease Agreement. Upon satisfaction

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of these obligations, Boone District shall cease charging this surcharge to Subdistrict A customers.

9. Boone District is authorized to assess a monthly surcharge of \$25 to Subdistrict B customers until complete satisfaction of its obligations under the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement. Upon satisfaction of these obligations, Boone District shall cease assessing this surcharge to Subdistrict B customers.

10. Beginning for the year ending December 31, 2010, and each year thereafter until the surcharges to Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B customers terminate, Boone District shall submit with the annual financial and statistical report required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 3(1), a written report stating:

a. The number of customers in Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B, respectively, as of December 31 of the preceding year;

b. The total surcharge billed for each subdistrict during the preceding calendar year;

c. The total amount paid to the County during the calendar year pursuant to the Purchase and Lease Agreement;

d. Boone District's total remaining obligation, as of December 31 of the preceding year, on the Purchase and Lease Agreement;

e. The total amount paid to KIA during the calendar year pursuant to the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement;

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f. Boone District's total remaining obligation to KIA, as of December
 31 of the preceding year, resulting from the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance
 Agreement.

11. Within 20 days of the completion of the proposed transfer, Boone District shall file the journal entries it proposes to record the approved acquisition.

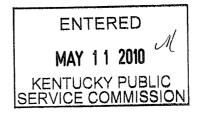
12. The County shall be responsible for submitting to the Commission a financial and statistical report, as described in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 3, for that period in 2010 prior to the transfer of control.

13. Boone District shall be responsible for submitting to the Commission a financial and statistical report, as described in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 3, for that period in 2010 beginning from the date of the to the transfer of control.

14. All documents filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 11 shall reference this case number and shall be retained in the utility's general correspondence file.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a warranty of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any agency thereof, of the agreements authorized herein.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information Case No. 2022-00101

Question No. 3

Responding Witness: Legal Counsel

Q-3. State all reasons that KRS 74.363(4) does not apply to Boone District's acquisition of water utility facilities from Boone Fiscal Court.

A-3. KRS 74.363(4) is not applicable to Boone County Water District's ("Boone District") acquisition of facilities from Boone County Fiscal Court ("Boone Fiscal Court") because Boone District's acquisition of the Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B facilities did not result from a merger of water districts.

KRS 74.363 addresses the voluntary merger of two or more water districts. It sets forth the procedure for implementing such merger and the effects of that merger. KRS 74.364(4) addresses how the water district resulting from the merger addresses the debt obligations of the predecessor water districts.

Boone Fiscal Court constructed and operated the facilities in question as a county of the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to KRS 67.083(3)(r), which grants a fiscal court the power to carry out governmental functions necessary for the operation of the county, including the provision of water service. It had sought to extend water service to areas of Boone County within Boone District's territory that Boone District was reluctant to serve by constructing and operating its own water distribution facilities. Once these facilities were constructed, Boone Fiscal Court identified for administrative purposes the geographic areas these facilities served as "Subdistrict A" and "Subdistrict B" respectively.

Neither Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B is a water district. Water districts are established pursuant to KRS 74.012^1 or KRS 67.715(2).² Boone Fiscal Court took no action pursuant to these statutes to establish either Subdistrict as a water district. As the geographical areas in which the facilities are located were actually within Boone District's territory,³ it was questionable at that

¹ See Response to Question 2, footnote 1.

² See Response to Question 2, footnote 2.

³ The Application of Boone County Fiscal Court and Boone County Water District for Transfer of Control of Water System; To Terminate an Existing Operation and Maintenance Agreement Between the Applicants; and Approval of Agreements Between the Boone County Fiscal Court and

time whether a new water district could be established to serve an area within the geographical territory of an existing water district.⁴

No water district was involved in financing the facilities' construction or initial operation.⁵ Boone Fiscal Court used a portion of the proceeds from General Obligation Public Bonds, Series 2002B, issued pursuant to its authority as a county of the Commonwealth, to finance the construction of the Subdistrict A facilities. It used the proceeds from an Assistance Agreement which it entered with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA") to finance the construction of the Subdistrict B facilities.

Merger is defined as "[t]he absorption of one organization (esp. a corporation) that ceases to exist into another that retains its own name and identity and acquires the assets and liabilities of the former."⁶ The Purchase and Lease Agreement ("Agreement"), however, did not result in the disappearance of any water district or of any organization. Both parties to the Agreement continue to exist today.⁷

The Agreement's text, which is found at **Exhibit 3** to this Response, does not support the proposition that the Agreement's purpose was the merger of any organization. The term "merger" does not appear in the document. The text instead suggests the parties intended only a transfer of ownership to Boone District of certain assets belonging to Boone Fiscal Court. For example, one of the Agreement's introductory clauses refers to Boone Fiscal Court's intent "**to transfer ownership of the Project** to the District to become a part of the

Boone County Water District and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and Boone County Water District as Debt Instruments, Case No. 2010-00065 (Ky. PSC May 11, 2010), Order at 3.

⁴ See Response to Question 2, footnote 4.

⁵ Boone District operated the facilities under an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Boone Fiscal Court. However, it made no financial contribution to service the debt incurred to construct the facilities.

⁶ Black's Law Dictionary (8th ed. 2004) 1009.

⁷ There was also no reconstitution of Boone District' Board of Commissioners. KRS 74.363(2) requires that upon the voluntary merger of two water districts, the board of commissioners of the merged water district shall include all members of the boards of commissioners of the water districts merged. At the end of the first year after merger, a new board of commissioners is appointed, consisting of between three and seven members. The precise number is determined by the merger agreement. No change in the membership or composition of Boone District's Board of Commissioners with which Boone District's Board of Commissioners could merge.

District's water system [emphasis added]." Section One of the Agreement states in part: "It is hereby acknowledged by the County and the District that the District **intends to purchase** the Subdistrict A Project on the terms set forth in this Lease [emphasis added]." Section 20 of the Agreement notes that "[t]he District agrees **to purchase the Subdistrict B Project** from the County and the County **hereby sells** to the District, the Subdistrict B Project, to be used only for public purposes as a part of the District System [emphasis added]."

The text of the Public Service Commission's ("PSC") Order of May 11, 2010 in Case No. 2010-00065 also suggests the Agreement involved only the purchase of assets. Nowhere does the PSC describe the transaction as a merger of water districts or the proceeding as a "merger proceeding." It does not order the merger of the two parties or authorize or direct any change in the organization of either party to the proceeding or order the merger of Subdistrict A and Subdistrict B into Boone District. Neither the word "merger" nor any reference to KRS 74.363 appears in the Order. The PSC identifies the requested relief as "Commission authorization for the transfer of control of the County's water distribution system to Boone District."⁸ The Order authorizes Boone District to acquire Boone Fiscal Court's facilities⁹ and to assume certain debt obligations¹⁰ and authorizes Boone Fiscal Court to transfer the facilities to Boone District.

Application of KRS 74.363(4) to the Agreement is inconsistent with the PSC's historic treatment of similar acquisitions by water districts. In previous proceedings the PSC has reviewed and approved water district acquisitions of government-owned water distribution systems in which the water district agreed to assume the existing system owner's debt obligations,¹¹ the PSC has

⁸ Case No. 2010-00065, Order of May 11, 2020 at 1.

⁹ *Id.* at 11, Ordering Paragraph 1 ("The transfer of control of the County's water distribution facilities to Boone District is approved").

¹⁰ *Id.* at 11, Ordering Paragraph 3 ("Boone District is authorized to execute the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement.").

¹¹ See Electronic Joint Application of Grayson County Water District and the City of Caneyville For An Order Approving the Transfer of Ownership of the City of Caneyville's Water System and Approving Grayson County Water District's Assumption of Certain Debt Obligations of the City of Caneyville Pursuant to the Provisions of KRS 278.020, KRS 278.300, and 807 KAR 5:001, Case No. 2021-00387 (Ky. PSC June 6, 2022); Application of Hardin County Water District No. 2 For Authority to Execute A Promissory Note In the Principal Amount of \$8,000,000 Pursuant To the Provisions of KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001, Case No. 2014-00289 (Ky. PSC Oct. 24, 2014);

not found that KRS 74.364 was applicable to the transaction or limited the acquiring water district's source of funds to retire the assumed debt obligations to areas in which the acquired water distribution system was situated. It has permitted those water districts to retire those debt obligations through general revenues collected from customers throughout its system.

Application of Adair County Water District To Assume Certain Securities In the Outstanding Principal Amount of \$2,236,343 Pursuant To the Provisions of KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001, Case No. 2010-00361 (Ky. PSC Oct. 7, 2010); The Application of Black Mountain Utility District and the County of Harlan For Approval of Assumption of Debt Associated With the Acquisition of the Water System of the City of Wallins, Case No. 2006-00531 (Ky. PSC Dec. 21, 2006).

EXHIBIT 3

PURCHASE AND LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AND LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease"), dated as of August 1, 2009, by and between the COUNTY OF BOONE, KENTUCKY, (hereinafter called the "County"), as lessor, and the BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, a special district created pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (hereinafter called the "District"), as lessee;

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County has heretofore issued its General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2002B (the "Bonds") and used the proceeds thereof, in part, to construct and install certain water lines and appurtenant facilities, as more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Subdistrict A Project") for the purpose of establishing a water distribution system (the "County System") for the purpose of providing potable water to certain residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into an Assistance Agreement dated as of May 1, 2006 with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (the "Assistance Agreement") and used the proceeds of the loan provided thereby to construct the "Project," as defined in the Assistance Agreement (the "Subdistrict B Project" and together with the Subdistrict A Project, the "Project"), which Subdistrict B Project is a part of the County System; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Project, the County entered into an Operation and Maintenance Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of August 1, 2002 with the Boone County Water District, a water district created pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (the "District") under which the District has been operating and maintaining the County System; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to terminate the County System and to transfer ownership of the Project to the District to become a part of the District's water system (the "District System"); and

WHEREAS, in order to (i) continue the provision of potable water to certain residents of the County, (ii) provide for the continued operation and maintenance of the Subdistrict A Project, and (iii) provide for the payment of a portion of the debt service on the outstanding Bonds from a source other than the County's general fund, the District has agreed to operate and maintain the Subdistrict A Project as a part of the District System and to make lease payments to the County as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue the provision of potable water to certain residents of the County, the District has agreed to purchase the Subdistrict B Project to be a part of the District System and to assume the obligations of the County under the Assistance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, by Order _____, has approved this Lease and the transfer of the Project to the Distinct, as herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District agrees to lease and rent the Subdistrict A Project from the County and the County hereby lets to the District, the Subdistrict A Project, to be used only for public purposes as a part of the District System from the period commencing with the date of this Lease and ending on the August 1, 2037 (the "Termination Date") or such earlier date as hereinafter provided. Simultaneously with the commencement of this Lease, the Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated as of August 1, 2002 between the County and the District shall be deemed terminated and to no longer have any force or effect.

Legal title to the Subdistrict A Project and all fixtures, appurtenances and other permanent accessories thereto and all interests therein will be held by the District, subject to the County's rights under this Lease. The County and the District agree that this Lease or any other appropriate documents may be filed or recorded to evidence the parties' respective interests in the Subdistrict A Project and the Lease.

The District agrees to pay the Lease Payments specified in Exhibit B (the "Lease Payments"). Each payment shall be applied first to payment of the interest component of the respective Lease Payment; provided, however, the District may make advance payments of principal components of Lease Payments.

Notwithstanding that this Lease is between the District and the County, all payments due hereunder shall, if so requested by the County in writing, be made directly to the paying agent bank for the Bonds (the "Paying Agent") for deposit in the Bond Payment Fund established in the Ordinance authorizing the Bonds.

In order to secure all of its obligations hereunder, the District hereby (i) grants to the County a first and prior security interest in any and all right, title and interest of the District in the portions of the Subdistrict A Project that constitute personal property and in all additions, attachments, accessions, and substitutions thereto, and on any proceeds therefrom, (ii) agrees that this Lease may be filed as a financing statement evidencing such security interest, and (iii) agrees to execute and deliver all financing statements, certificates of title and other instruments necessary or appropriate to evidence such security interest.

The County's interest shall terminate upon (a) the District's exercise of the purchase option granted herein, or (b) the complete payment of all Lease Payments and performance by the District of all of its obligations hereunder; provided, however, that title shall immediately and without any action by the District vest in the County and the District shall immediately surrender possession of the Subdistrict A Project to the County upon (i) any termination of this Lease without the District exercising its option to purchase pursuant to this Lease or (ii) the occurrence of an Event of Default, as hereinafter defined. In any of such cases, the District agrees to execute such instruments and do such things as the County reasonably requests and as may be required by law in order to effectuate transfer of any and all of the District's right, title and interest in the Subdistrict A Project, as is, to the County. It is hereby acknowledged by the County and

the District that the District intends to purchase the Subdistrict A Project on the terms set forth in this Lease.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Subdistrict A Project referred to in this Lease is located in Boone County, Kentucky, and is more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 3. The District represents and warrants that:

(a) It is a water district duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(b) It has the power and has been duly authorized to enter into this Lease and perform all of its obligations hereunder.

(c) The District is not subject to any contractual or other limitation or provision of any nature whatsoever which in any way limits, restricts or prevents the District from entering into this Lease, or performing any of its obligations hereunder or thereunder; and the execution and delivery of this Lease, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the fulfillment of or compliance with the terms and conditions of this Lease will not conflict with or result in a breach of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction, agreement or instrument to which the District is a party or by which it is bound, or constitute a default under any of the foregoing, and will not violate any provision of law or regulation applicable to the District or any court or administrative order or decree, including, but not limited to any regulations of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky.

<u>Section 4.</u> The County represents and covenants that it has full power to execute and perform this Lease and the covenants and promises contained herein.

Section 5. The District hereby accepts the Subdistrict A Project, as is, and the County makes no warranty or representation, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict A Project. The County hereby transfers and assigns to the District, all of its right, title and interest it may have with respect to any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict A Project.

<u>Section 6.</u> The District will operate and maintain the Subdistrict A Project in a manner substantially consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky regarding water distribution projects and in a manner which will substantially effectuate the public purposes of Chapters 74 and 96 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Section 7. The District covenants and agrees with the County that the District shall during the term of this Lease keep and maintain the Subdistrict A Project and all parts thereof in good condition and repair, ordinary wear and tear excepted, including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all parts, mechanisms and devices required to keep the Subdistrict A Project in good mechanical and working order. The District shall keep the Subdistrict A Project in substantial compliance with all applicable governmental

regulations and requirements, and in each case the District shall make all replacements and repairs necessary in connection therewith.

Section 8. The District shall have and is hereby given the right, at its sole cost and expense, to make such additions, improvements, changes and alterations in and to any part of the Subdistrict A Project as the District from time to time may deem necessary or advisable; provided, however, that the District shall not make any addition, change or alteration which would change the character of the Subdistrict A Project as a water distribution Subdistrict A Project. All additions, changes and alterations made by the District pursuant to the authority of this Section shall (a) be made in a workmanlike manner and in substantial compliance with all laws and ordinances or resolutions applicable thereto, (b) when commenced, be prosecuted to completion with due diligence without delay or abatement in the District's payment of rent due hereunder, and (c) when completed, be deemed a part of the District System.

Section 9. The District shall neither do nor permit others under its control to do any work in or about the Subdistrict A Project or related to any repair, rebuilding, restoration, replacement, alteration of or addition to the Subdistrict A Project, or any part thereof, unless District shall have first procured and paid for all requisite municipal and other governmental permits and authorizations. All such work shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner and in substantial compliance with all applicable building, zoning, and other laws, ordinances, governmental regulations and requirements and in accordance with the requirements, rules and regulations of all insurers under the policies required to be carried under Section 13 hereof.

Section 10. The District shall be responsible for establishing fees and charges (including any surcharges to customers of the District using the Subdistrict A Project) for the use by the public of the District System (including the Subdistrict A Project), subject to any limitations provided by law.

Section 11. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the District, for the benefit of the County and each holder of the Bonds, hereby represents that it has not taken, or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and agrees that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action which would adversely affect the excludability from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, and that it will make and take, or require to be made and taken, such acts and filings as may from time to time be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to maintain such excludability from gross income.

Section 12. The County shall have reasonable access and the right to inspect, examine and make copies of the books, records, accounts, tax returns and other such financial information of the District.

Section 13. The District shall obtain insurance with respect to the Subdistrict A Project issued by an insurer or insurers and on policy forms in such amounts which are customary with the District for facilities which are similar to the Subdistrict A Project, against loss or damage from theft, fire, vandalism and other events covered by uniform standard extended coverage endorsements approved by the insurance regulatory authority in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The District may alternatively insure such property under a blanket insurance policy or policies which cover not only such property but other properties.

Each insurance policy provided for in the preceding and following paragraphs shall contain a provision to the effect that the insurance company shall not cancel the same without first giving written notice thereof to the County at least thirty (30) days in advance of such cancellation.

The District shall also carry public liability insurance with reference to the Subdistrict A Project with one or more reputable insurance companies duly qualified to do business in Kentucky, for death or bodily injury and property damage in amounts which are customarily carried for water districts which are similar to the District. The County shall be made an additional insured under such policies. Such public liability insurance may be by blanket insurance policy or policies.

The parties hereto recognize that continued inflation, the emergence of new risks, and various other factors foreseeable or unforeseeable may at some future time cause the insurance coverages required by this Lease to become inadequate in face amount or the type of risks insured against. The District hereby covenants with the County that throughout the life of this Lease the District shall keep the Subdistrict A Project continuously insured against such risks as are customarily insured against by the District, and in such amounts as would be customarily maintained, by businesses of like size and type.

Section 14. If the Subdistrict A Project is destroyed (in whole or in part) or is damaged by fire or other casualty, the District shall promptly replace, repair, rebuild or restore the property damaged or destroyed to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the event causing such damage or destruction, with such changes, alterations and modifications including the substitution and addition of other property as may be desired by the District and as will not impair the operation of the Subdistrict A Project or change its character and the District will apply for such purpose so much as may be necessary of any net proceeds of insurance resulting from claims for losses, under the insurance policies required to be carried herein, resulting from such damage.

Section 15. The County and its duly authorized representatives and agents, reserve the right to enter the Subdistrict A Project at all reasonable times during the term of this Lease for the purpose of (a) examining and inspecting the same, including the construction, installation and equipping thereof and (b) performing such work in and about the Subdistrict A Project made necessary by reason of the District's default under any of the provisions of this Lease. The County shall also have the right at all reasonable times to examine the books and records of the District.

<u>Section 16</u>. This Lease is made on condition that if (each of the following events being deemed an "Event of Default" under the provisions of this Lease):

(a) the District fails to punctually pay all Lease Payments as the same

become due; or

(b) the District fails to observe, keep or perform any other covenant or obligation herein contained on the District's part to be observed, kept or performed, and the District fails to remedy the same within thirty (30) days after the County has given the District written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied; or

(c) the District vacates or abandons the Subdistrict A Project; or

(d) any representation or warranty by the District contained in this Lease or in any certificate or instrument delivered by the District pursuant to this Lease is false or misleading in any material respect;

then the County may at its election then or at any time thereafter, and while such default shall continue, give the District written notice of intention to terminate this Lease on a date specified therein, which date shall not be earlier than ten (10) days after such notice is given, and, if all defaults have not then been cured, on the date so specified, the District's rights to operation of the Subdistrict A Project shall cease and this Lease shall thereupon be terminated, and the County may re-enter and take possession of the Subdistrict A Project.

<u>Section 17</u>. If the District shall fail to keep or perform any of its obligations as provided in this Lease in respect of (a) maintenance of insurance, (b) payments of rent required hereunder, (c) repairs and maintenance of the Subdistrict A Project, (d) substantial compliance with legal or insurance requirements hereunder, (e) keeping the Subdistrict A Project lien free, or in the making of any other payment or performance of any other obligation so to do, upon the continuance of such failure on the District's part for thirty (30) days after written notice of such failure is given to the District by the County and without waiving or releasing the District from any obligation hereunder, as an additional but not exclusive remedy, the County may make any such payment or perform any such obligation, and all sums so paid by the County and all necessary incidental costs and expenses incurred by the County in performing such obligation shall be deemed additional rent due and payable by the District and shall be paid to the County, and if not so paid by the District, the County shall have the same rights and remedies as provided for in the case of default by the District in the payment of Lease Payments due under Section 1 hereof.

Section 18. The District shall indemnify and hold the County, its officers, directors, agents and employees harmless against and from all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing done on the Subdistrict A Project during the term of this Lease, and against and from all claims arising during the term of this Lease from (a) any condition of the Subdistrict A Project caused by the District, (b) any breach or default on the part of the District in the performance of any of its obligations under this Lease, (c) any act of negligence of the District or of any of its agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees, and (d) any act of negligence of any agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees of the District in connection with the construction, installation, furnishing, equipping, management or operation of the Subdistrict A Project during the term of this Lease. Any indemnified party seeking to enforce the above indemnity shall give the District written notice of and the opportunity to defend any claims with respect to which indemnity is sought to be enforced hereunder, in which event the District shall either (i) employ counsel reasonably acceptable to such party to defend such claims and pay all costs and expenses in connection with such defense, or (ii) permit such party to defend such claims itself through counsel of its own choosing in which event the District shall indemnify and hold such party harmless from and against all reasonable costs and expenses incurred in or in connection with any action or proceeding brought with respect to such claims. Upon notice from such party in any such action or proceeding, if the District fails or refuses to proceed under option (i) above, the District shall be deemed to have agreed that such party may proceed under option (ii) above.

Section 19. On the Termination Date, so long as no event of default by the District hereunder has occurred and is continuing, the County will immediately transfer all of its right, title and interest in and to the Subdistrict A Project to the District and provide any documents of instruments to the District for such purpose that the District may reasonably request.

The District may, in its discretion, prepay in full its Lease Payments under the Lease by paying to the County the Optional Prepayment Price with respect to the Lease. Upon payment of the Optional Prepayment Price, the County will transfer and convey the Subdistrict A Project to the District as provided in the preceding paragraph.

As used in this Section, "Optional Prepayment Price" means the amount equal to the unpaid principal component of Lease Payments increased by the sum of (a) the amount of any due or past due Lease Payments together with interest (at the interest rate on the Bonds) on such past due Lease Payments to the date of such prepayment in full and (b) the unpaid accrued interest on the outstanding principal component of the Lease Payments to the next date on which the related Bonds can be redeemed; provided that such amount may be paid in the form of cash or noncallable United States Treasury Obligations which, together with the interest income thereon, will be sufficient to pay such amounts to the date the prepayment will be used to redeem Bonds.

Section 20. The District agrees to purchase the Subdistrict B Project from the County and the County hereby sells to the District, the Subdistrict B Project, to be used only for public purposes as a part of the District System. In consideration for the sale of the Subdistrict B Project to the District, the District agrees to assume all of the County's obligations under the Assistance Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Assumption and Supplemental Assistance Agreement dated as of ______, 2009 among the District, the County and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

The District hereby accepts the Subdistrict B Project, as is, and the County makes no warranty or representation, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict B Project. The County hereby transfers and assigns to the District, all of its right, title and interest it may have with respect to any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the value, design, condition, fitness for particular purpose or fitness for use of any of the Subdistrict B Project.

The County agrees to execute such instruments and do such things as the District reasonably requests and as may be required by law in order to effectuate transfer of any and all of the County's right, title and interest in the Subdistrict B Project, as is, to the District. The District agrees to execute such instruments and do such things as the County reasonably requests and as may be required by law in order to effectuate assumption by the District of any and all of the County's obligations under the Assistance Agreement. The County and the District agree that any appropriate documents may be filed or recorded to evidence the sale of the County's interest in the Subdistrict B Project to the District and the assumption by the District of the Assistance Agreement.

The District shall indemnify and hold the County, its officers, directors, agents and employees harmless against and from all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing done on the Subdistrict B Project in the same manner as set forth in Section 18 with respect to the Subdistrict A Project.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the District has caused this instrument to be executed for and on its behalf by its Chairman and attested by its Secretary and the County has caused this instrument to be executed for an on its behalf by its Judge/Executive and attested by its Fiscal Court Clerk, as of the date first above written.

BOONE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

By: _____

Judge/Executive

Attest:

Fiscal Court Clerk

BOONE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Ву: _____

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary

EXHIBIT A

BOONE COUNTY RURAL WATER PROJECT

PROJECT SUMMARY

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- I. Project Location Map/Proposed Project Phases (attached)
- II. Description of water main construction/locations;

The project consists of installation of approximately 121,000 feet (23 miles) of ductile iron water main 8" and 12" sizes and appurtenances. The project will extend water service to rural areas and provide water system improvements (looping) for improved water quality and reliability. The estimated construction cost for the project is approximately \$6,730,000 which includes a 5% contingency. The project is anticipated to begin construction in the summer 2002 with a 9 month construction period, or completion by spring 2003. A summary of the Phases and locations is as follows:

Phase 1A:	Big Bone Rd./Beaver Rd./Rice Pike area;
	52,600 feet of 8" water main
	3,000 feet of 12" water main
Phase 1C:	Idlewild Rd(SR 338), Ky 20, 1-275 Idlewild bypass
	Idlebrook Rd/Blackberry Hill Dr. areas:
	34,800 feet of 8" water main
	19,400 feet of 12" water main
Phase 1D:	Bullittsville Rd/Fawn Ln.
	7500 feet of 12" water main
	1900 feet of 8" water main
	2000 feet of 12" water main replacement of 8" line

The water mains will be constructed along the State and County roadways primarily within the road right of way. The construction will be open cut excavation as shown in the plans and specifications. The estimated number of property owners/parcels abutting the proposed water main extension (10/01) is summarized as follows:

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Phase 1A:	144 properties
Phase 1C:	141 properties
Phase 1D:	79 properties (excludes multiple airport parcels)

III. Construction Specifications and Bid Document; Phase 1A, 1C, and 1D, see attached.

IV. Construction Plans; Phase 1A, 1C, and 1D, see attached.

EXHIBIT B

Lease Payments

Date	Interest Component	Principal Component	Lease Payment
August 1, 2009	\$54,563	\$119,437	\$174,000
February 1, 2010	52,175	121,175	173,350
August 1, 2010	49,751	123,599	173,350
February 1, 2011	47,279	73,071	120,350
August 1, 2011	45,818	74,532	120,350
February 1, 2012	44,327	23,863	68,190
August 1, 2012	43,850	24,340	68,190
February 1, 2013	43,363	24,827	68,190
August 1, 2013	42,866	25,324	68,190
February 1, 2014	42,360	25,830	68,190
August 1, 2014	41,843	26,347	68,190
February 1, 2015	41,316	26,874	68,190
August 1, 2015	40,779	27,411	68,190
February 1, 2016	40,231	27,959	68,190
August 1, 2016	39,672	28,518	68,190
February 1, 2017	39,101	29,089	68,190
August 1, 2017	38,519	29,671	68,190
February 1, 2018	37,926	30,264	68,190
August 1, 2018	37,321	30,869	68,190
February 1, 2019	36,703	31,487	68,190
August 1, 2019	36,074	32,116	68,190
February 1, 2020	35,431	32,759	68,190
August 1, 2020	34,776	33,414	68,190
February 1, 2021	34,108	34,082	68,190
August 1, 2021	33,426	34,764	68,190
February 1, 2022	32,731	35,459	68,190
August 1, 2022	32,022	36,168	68,190
February 1, 2023	31,298	36,892	68,190
August 1, 2023	30,561	37,629	68,190
February 1, 2024	29,808	38,382	68,190
August 1, 2024	29,040	39,150	68,190
February 1, 2025	28,257	39,933	68,190
August 1, 2025	27,459	40,731	68,190
February 1, 2026	26,644	41,546	68,190
August 1, 2026	25,813	42,377	68,190
February 1, 2027	24,966	43,224	68,190
August 1, 2027	24,101	44,089	68,190

Date	Interest Component	<u>Principal</u> Component	Lease Payment
February 1, 2028 August 1, 2028 February 1, 2029 August 1, 2029 February 1, 2030 August 1, 2030 February 1, 2031 August 1, 2031 February 1, 2032	\$23,219 22,320 21,403 20,467 19,512 18,539 17,546 16,533 15,500	\$44,971 45,870 46,787 47,723 48,678 49,651 50,644 51,657 52,690	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190
August 1, 2032 February 1, 2033 August 1, 2033 February 1, 2034 August 1, 2034 February 1, 2035 August 1, 2035 February 1, 2036 August 1, 2037 August 1, 2037	14,446 13,371 12,275 11,156 10,015 8,852 7,665 6,455 5,220 3,961 2,000	53,744 54,819 55,915 57,034 58,175 59,338 60,525 61,735 62,970 98,039 100,000	68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 68,190 102,000 102,000

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