WHITLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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February 10, 2023

Ms. Linda Bridwell Executive Director Public Service Commission PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

RE:

Case No. 2022-00321

Whitley County Water District #1

Response to Staff Report of February 2, 2023

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Whitley County Water District #1 (the "District") submits the following comments concerning the Commission Staff Report dated February 2, 2023:

- 1. Although the District does not agree with the Staff's proposed lowering of the proposed Water Loss Reduction Surcharge, the District does not wish to contest that adjustment in this case. The District's failure to object to Staff's findings and recommendations concerning the reduction of the Water Loss Reduction Surcharge shall not be construed to be a waiver of the District's right to contest a similar finding or recommendation in a future rate proceeding. The District expressly reserves its right to do so.
- 2. Although the District does not agree with the Staff's removal of certain labor expenses from nonrecurring charges, the District does not wish to contest that adjustment in this case. The District's failure to object to Staff's findings and recommendations concerning the reduction of certain Non-Recurring Charges shall not be construed to be a waiver of the District's right to contest a similar finding or recommendation in a future rate proceeding. The District expressly reserves its right to do so.
- 3. The District's Board of Commissioners did not attend the required six instructional hours of training during 2022. The primary reason was due to COVID19. The Chairman had COVID, and was hospitalized, and the General Manager also had COVID as well as surgery. The year was hectic and filled with project related activities and training of a new field supervisor to name a few. So, the required training was overlooked. In years past, the board has attended PSC sanctioned training. Therefore, the board respectively requests that the PSC grant an extension pursuant to KRS 74.020 (9) to obtain the required training hours.
- 4. The District concurs with the remainder of findings presented in the Staff Report.
- 5. The District waives its right to request an informal conference or hearing in this case.

If you need any additional information from the District to expedite implementation of the new rates, please contact our office.

Sincerely.

Sandra Smith General Manager