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Linda E. Bridwell, P.E. Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40603-0615

and

Hon. Kent Chandler, Chairman Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: Offer of Settlement Case No. 2022-00344

Dear Executive Director Bridwell and Chairman Chandler,

I have enclosed Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District's ("JSEWD") Offer of Settlement in this case, pursuant to approval from my clients, and following a brief discussion with PSC counsel.

Because the spirit of this proposed Settlement is one of renewed commitment to compliance with PSC rules and regulations, I wish to briefly address the delay between our July hearing and my Motion for an Extension. During that 55-day intervening period, I responded to supplemental information requests, and spoke with colleagues in utilities law regarding this case. I arrived belatedly at the idea of submitting an Offer of Settlement, novel to me, just as this proceeding is novel to me. After discussing with your in-house counsel whether or not submitting an Offer was even an option at this point in the proceeding, I took the matter to JSEWD's Board of Commissioners. Although I was ill the day of the September regular meeting, my Partner presented it instead to the Board and gained their general assent to the idea. On the heels of the PSC's 10/3/23 denial of my Motion for Extension, I crafted an Order/Offer and used today's October regular meeting of the Board to obtain

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approval and sign-off. I note the PSC's disinclination toward extensions; I apologize for any delay, which was certainly inadvertent, and I hope that such delay will not prejudice the PSC against the attached Offer.

Please call or email with questions, or any requests for further information, filings, or revisions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bruce E. Smith