## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTH    | ) |            |
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| MANCHESTER WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. | ) | CASE NO.   |
| FOR AN ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT | ) | 2023-00183 |

## RESPONSE TO STAFF REPORT AND NOTICE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RATES

North Manchester Water Association, Inc. ("North Manchester"), by counsel, provides the following response to the Commission Staff Report issued on January 11, 2024.

North Manchester respectfully disagrees with many of the recommendations contained in the Staff Report; however, it will accept the proposed rates identified in Appendix B of the Staff Report including the Water Loss Reduction Surcharge. Because North Manchester is accepting the proposed rates, it submits that no hearing is necessary and notes that a hearing would incur additional and unnecessary costs. In addition, North Manchester's acceptance of the proposed rates should not be construed in future cases as North Manchester's acceptance of individual findings and recommendations.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7, North Manchester hereby provides notice of its intent to place the Monthly Water Rates into effect, beginning with the meter reading occurring later in January. Meter readings in January will be billed in early February based on the existing rates, and meter readings in February will be billed in early March with the Monthly Water Rates recommended by Commission Staff. Because the non-recurring charges and Water Loss Reduction Surcharge recommended by Commission Staff were not proposed by North

Manchester, it will only implement those rates after a final order from the Commission approving those rates.

## Respectfully submitted,

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