

August 1, 2025

Ms. Linda Bridwell Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Case No. 2024-00199
Webster County Water District
Response to Staff Report

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Webster County Water District (the "District") submits the following comments concerning the Commission Staff Report:

- 1. 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.
- 2. The District believes that the Returned Check Fee of \$1.00 may be more expensive to implement and administer than would be collected. The District respectfully requests that the Returned Check Fee be reduced to \$0.00, as long as this does not prolong the issuance of the final order.
- 3. The District believes that the 5/8 x 3/4 Inch Water Tap On Fee of \$1,114.00 would be more appropriately set at \$1,100.00, for clerical purposes, and respectfully requests that the Fee be reduced to that amount, as long as this does not prolong the issuance of the final order.

- 4. The District acknowledges that the rate increase percentage recommended by KYPSC staff of 35.62 percent may have an impact on certain low-income customers but, the District's commissioners have also considered the balance between the timing of additional revenues needed to operate and maintain the system and the timing of implementation of the rate increase. The District's commissioners intend to support that balance which the Kentucky Public Service Commission determines to be appropriate.
- 5. The District concurs with the remainder of findings presented in the Staff Report.
- 6. The District waives its right to request an informal conference or hearing in this case.

Sincerely,

Trevor Baldwin, Superintendent Webster County Water District