#### **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)WARREN COUNTY WATER)DISTRICT FOR AN ADJUSTMENT)OF RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE)

CASE NO. 2024-00201

#### **RESPONSE OF**

#### WARREN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## TO

## **COMMISSION STAFF'S FIFTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

#### DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Filed: DECEMBER 12, 2024

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Warren County Water District (the "District") submits its Response to

Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information.

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Counsel for Warren 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 December 12, 2024 and that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding

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Counsel for Warren County Water District

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## CERTIFICATION OF RESPONSE OF WARREN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIFTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This is to certify that I have supervised the preparation of Warren County Water District's Response to Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information as required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(12)(d)(2)(b). The Response submitted on behalf of Warren County Water District is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Date: December 12, 2024

Jacob Cuarta, General Manager Warren County Water District

## SWORN CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY	) ) SS:
COUNTY OF WARREN	)

The undersigned, Jacob Cuarta, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he, as General Manager for Warren County Water District, has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness in Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2024-00201, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.

Jacob Cuarta General Manager Warren County Water District

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, this 12 day of December 2024.



Notary Public My Commission Expires: <u>112912027</u>

Notary ID: KYNP83115

## SWORN CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

## **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY** ) SS: **COUNTY OF WARREN**

The undersigned, Jeff Peeples, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he, as Manager of Finance and Administration for Warren County Water District, has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness in Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2024-00201, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.

Manager of Finance and Administration Warren County Water District

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, this 12 day of December 2024.



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#### WARREN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## Case No. 2024-00201 Response to Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information

#### **Question No. 5-1**

**Responding Witness: Jeff Peeples, Manager of Finance and Administration** 

- Q 5-1. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 7, Statement of Adjusted Operations and Revenue Requirement calculation.
  - a. Explain why Miscellaneous Non-Utility Income was included as part of Total Operating and Maintenance Expenses.
  - b. Explain why Unrealized (Gain)/Loss on Investments was included as part of Total Operating and Maintenance Expenses.
  - c. Explain why Rate Case Expense was not included as part of Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses.
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  - 5-1a. On Warren District's monthly financial statements, Miscellaneous Non-Utility Income is included in Other Expenses. Likewise, Warren District's audit report filed with the Commission includes Miscellaneous Non-Utility Income in Non-Operating Expense, and Warren District's annual report filed with the Commission includes Miscellaneous Non-Utility Income in Other Income & Deductions.

In the Application Exhibit 7, Statement of Adjusted Operations ("SAO"), Warren District's rate consultant included Non-Utility Income

of \$(4) in the Operation and Maintenance Expense test year which is not consistent with Warren District's monthly financial statements. However, the Non-Utility Income amount of \$(4) was adjusted from Operation & Maintenance Expense and added to the Revenue Requirements section in the SAO for same amount.

5-1b. On Warren District's monthly financial statements, Unrealized (Gain)/Loss on Investments is included in Other Expenses. Likewise, Warren District's audit report and annual report filed with the Commission include Unrealized (Gain)/Loss on Investments in Non-Operating Expenses and Other Income & Deductions, respectively.

In the Application Exhibit 7, SAO, Warren District's rate consultant included Unrealized (Gain)/Loss on Investments of \$(39,712) in the Operation and Maintenance Expense test year which is not consistent with Warren District's monthly financial statements.

5-1c. In the application Exhibit 7, SAO, Warren District did not include Rate Case Expense as part of Total Operation and Maintenance Expense since no rate case expenses were incurred in the test year. Instead, the estimated legal, engineering, and publication costs of \$43,724 were reported separately in the Revenue Requirements section of the SAO under Reference K.<sup>1</sup> An analysis of rate case costs incurred through November 27, 2024, was filed with the Commission on November 27, 2024, as Warren District's Third Supplemental Response to Staff's First Request for Information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Page 2 of Exhibit 7 contains a typographical error on the Rate Case Expense line, where an extra "4" appears before the total Rate Case Expense amount. The correct Rate Case Expense amount is \$43,724, as stated in Reference K.

## WARREN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## Case No. 2024-00201 Response to Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information

## Question No. 5-2

## **Responding Witness: Jacob Cuarta, General Manager**

- Q 5-2. Refer to Warren District's response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information, Item 2, 03\_Exhibit\_2-2\_Known\_and\_Measureables.xlsx:
  - a. SCADA Completion Date Tab. Confirm the completion status of the SCADA upgrade project. If not completed, provide the expected completion date.
  - b. CIS Infinity Upgrade Tab. Confirm the completion status of the Billing software upgrade. If not completed, provide the expected completion date.

#### A 5-2.

- 5-2a. The SCADA upgrade project for the Sewer Division was completed on September 30, 2024 and subsequently placed into service.
- 5-2b. On February 29, 2024, Warren District signed an agreement with Advanced Utility Systems to upgrade its billing system, CIS Infinity, to Version 5. The implementation is scheduled to begin in February 2025 with completion in February 2026. The projected depreciation expense associated with the CIS Infinity upgrade project should be removed from Warren District's Revenue Requirement.

## WARREN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## Case No. 2024-00201 Response to Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information

## Question No. 5-3

## **Responding Witnesses: Jeff Peeples and Jacob Cuarta**

- Q 5-3. Refer to Warren District's response to Staff's First Request for Information, Item 1-1a, Exhibit 1-1a, 2023 General Ledger, Account 620-6002-3, Matl & Supply – T & D (Maint) and refer to the items listed in the chart below.
  - a. Provide copies of the invoices for each item.
  - b. Describe each purchase and state whether each item should have been capitalized.
  - c. If Warren District believes its classification as an expense for these items is proper, explain the reasoning.
  - d. If an item below should have been capitalized, provide the appropriate NARUC depreciation life for it.

Date	Description	Amount
4/18/2023	XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA INC. /IN: 3556C69482	\$ 5,840.25
5/23/2023	BADGER METER INC. /IN: 1575853	5,890.75

5-3a. The requested invoices are attached to this Response as Attachment 5-

**3a**.

5-3b. The information requested is contained in the table below:

Date	Invoice	Amount	Description	Classification	Justification
4/18/2023	Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc. #3556C69482	\$5,840.25	Repair Kit	Expense	Repair pump seal failure at Northridge #2 Lift Station.
5/23/2023	Badger Meter Inc. #1575853	\$5,890.75	Electronic Boards	Expense	Electronic assembly board replacements for sewer magnetic meters installed at lift stations.

- 5-3c. The items were included as expenses because they did not add to the useful life of the facilities they were used to repair. Consequently, neither of these items qualify as capital assets under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") and must be "expensed" rather than capitalized.
- 5-3d. This is not applicable because none of these items should have been capitalized.

# **Attachment 5-3a** Copies of Requested Invoices

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9745 HEDDEN ROAD EVANSVILLE, IN 47725 Tel.(812)602-6800 Fax:(812)402-6128



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