## **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

RE:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF THE CITY OF AUGUSTA TO INCREASE THE WHOLESALE WATER RATE CHARGED TO BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

INTERVENOR, BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S (BCWD'S) RESPONSE TO KY PSC STAFF'S REQUEST FOR POST HEARING INFORMATION ON AUGUST 5, 2025.

## CASE NUMBER 2024-00349

Comes now the intervening party, Bracken County Water District, ("BCWD"), by and through counsel, Mr. Jesse P. Melcher, Esq., and hereby files its response to KY PSC Staff's request for post-hearing information dated August 5, 2025, as follows:

1. Refer to the Water Purchase Contract entered into on February 6, 2016, paragraph 14, and the city of Augusta's notice to Bracken District dated September 24, 2024. Provide any comments Bracken District submitted "regarding the proposed adjustment, including any objections, and...request[ed] a meeting with Augusta's representatives to discuss the proposed rate adjustment within 30 days from the issuance of the notice." Answer: BCWD was notified on or about September 26, 2024, by email, of City of Augusta's notice of intent to raise wholesale water rates, by letter dated September 24, 2024; wherein, Tariff filing was filed by City of Augusta on or about September 26, 2024.

City of Augusta's notice of intent to raise wholesale rates, for a wholesale rate increase of \$2.967 per 1000 gallons, by Tariff filing, as was filed in case TFS 2024-00469. Whereas, BCWD normally meets monthly on the third thursday of each month; a special meeting was called for October 3, 2024, to discuss the rate, and a resolution to proceed with intervention due to the rate increase filing with KY PSC in TFS 2024-00469 (and the time limits to intervene in tariff filing); and a letter of objections, without a request for meeting, was mailed on or about October 9, 2024, to City of Augusta. BCWD's letter of objections, included attachments (copy of 2016 contract, resolution of BCWD dated 10-3-24, motion to intervene [this motion to intervene is not the same motion to intervene filed 11-27-24]). See attached copy of letter and attachments. The filings of BCWD were filed in TFS 2024-00469, however, due to the Order of the Commission, dated November 19, 2024, said BCWD filing, excluding the motion to intervene, was made part of the Order as Appendix "B". See. 20241119\_PSC\_ORDER.pdf, Appendix "B"; the Order on Page one, second paragraph acknowledges the filed motion to intervene in the tariff filing

BCWD has reattached the letter dated October 9, 2024, with all attachments as mailed to the City of Augusta. See attachment.

BCWD did not receive any formal response to the objections as noted in the letter dated October 9, 2024, except as filed in the case herein as it developed. Additionally, BCWD states for full transparency, and as referenced at the hearing; the parties did meet to discuss a possible resolution of an agreed wholesale rate increase, without success, on or about February 14, 2025.

This response is submitted by BCWD counsel as to the requested information

requested by KY PSC commission staff, and is signed by him of verification of said

events.

ESSE P. MELCHER

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ JESSE P. MELCHER, ESQ.

BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jesse P. Melcher, Esq. as counsel and representative of BCWD herein, do hereby certify that I have mailed out by electronic filing through the KY PSC web portal, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001(8), this the 8th day of August, 2025; and that no party herein, has opted out of the electronic notice and/or filing herein, and proof of electronic filing and courtesy copy are as follows, of BCWD's responses to KY PSC staff's request for information dated 8-5-25, post hearing requests:

KY PSC, filed by web portal in this case number

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