

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**RE: ELECTRONIC FILING OF BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, FOR
A PASS THROUGH RATE ADJUSTMENT**

**BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S (BCWD'S) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WITH
ITS ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR A PASS THROUGH RATE ADJUSTMENT, PURSUANT
TO 807 KAR 5:068**

CASE NUMBER 2025-00119

Comes now the intervening party, Bracken County Water District, ("BCWD"), by and through counsel, Mr. Jesse P. Melcher, Esq., and hereby files supplemental information regarding its electronic application for a pass through rate adjustment

The City of Augusta requested a rate increase of \$2.96 per 1000 gallons to go into effect on December 1, 2024, wherein, by Order of KY PSC, on November 19, 2024, the rate was suspended pursuant to KRS 278.190, for five months subject to 6 months. *See. KY PSC Case No. 2024-00359.* The City of Augusta filed a notice of intent to begin charging a wholesale rate increase beginning May 1, 2025.

The parties in the wholesale rate increase is awaiting a KY PSC decision regarding whether a hearing will be set in the matter. BCWD is concerned that a ruling will be past the date of May 1, 2025, and that an approved rate would have to be absorbed without pass through by BCWD, until a pass through rate could be approved by KY PSC, allowing months of increased costs to be absorbed as opposed to passed through to its customers. Although a rate

has not been approved as to wholesale rate increase or effective date, BCWD believes the amount of increase it is requesting to impose of \$0.20 per 1000 gallons or \$2.56 per 1000 gallons, is the amount of increase it and City of Augusta have calculated for a wholesale water rate increase using the audited financial year utilized by City of Augusta in its rate filing in KY PSC Case No. 2024-00359 (*see Answer of City of Augusta, page 58; DR_1_BCWD_Augusta_Response.pdf, filed 1-16-25*), and in accordance with the contractual wholesale water rate increase calculation between the parties (*see. KY PSC Cases No.'s 2020-00277 & 2015-00039*), without any pro-forma adjustments and/or any adjustments.

Although it is unusual for a pass through rate to be approved prior to a wholesale water rate increase is approved by KY PSC, BCWD believes its request is reasonable and necessary under the stated conditions, and requests KY PSC approval due to the circumstances; all pursuant to 807 KAR 5:068.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 11th day of April, 2025; and that no party herein, has opted out of the electronic notice and/or filing herein.

KY PSC, filed by web portal in this case number

/s/ MR. JESSE P. MELCHER, ESQ.