COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE LAKE VILLAGE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC., OF BOYLE AND **MERCER COUNTIES, KENTUCKY FOR A** DECLARATORY ORDER THAT A CERTIFICATE **OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS** NOT REQUIRED FOR THE ISON LANE STANDPIPE **REHABILITATION PROJECT**

) Case No. 2025-00158

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APPLICATION

This Application of the Lake Village Water Association, Inc. of Boyle and Mercer Counties, Kentucky, respectfully submits, by counsel, this application, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 19, for an order declaring that the proposed maintenance to the Ison Lane Standpipe as described below is an ordinary extension of existing facilities in the usual course of business pursuant to KRS 278.020(1)(a) and 807 KAR 5:001(15)(3).

- 1. The Applicant is a non-profit water association of Boyle and Mercer Counties, Kentucky, created and existing under and by virtue of Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Applicant's Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State of Kentucky on May 2, 1968, and remains in good standing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 2. The contact information of the Applicant is:

Lake Village Water Association, Inc. Mr. Mike D. Sanford, MPA **Executive Director** P.O. Box 303 Burgin, Kentucky 40310 Telephone: (859) 748-5642 Facsimile: (859) 748-9114 Email: mike@lakevillagewater.org

3. The Applicant, pursuant to the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 19, seeks (i) an order declaring that the proposed maintenance described in the Project Profile for the Ison Lane Standpipe Rehabilitation Project is an ordinary extension of existing

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facilities in the usual course of business and does not require issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to KRS 278.020; and (ii) approval of the use of a Cleaner Water Program grant to complete the proposed maintenance to the water storage facility.

 KRS 278.020(1) does not define "ordinary extensions of existing systems in the usual course of business," but 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(3) defines this exception as follows:

> A certificate of public convenience and necessity shall not be required for extensions that do not create wasteful duplication of plant, equipment, property, or facilities, or conflict with the existing certificates or service of other utilities operating in the same area and under the jurisdiction of the commission that are in the general or contiguous area in which the utility renders service, and that do not affect the existing financial condition of the utility involved, or will not result in increased charges to its customers.

The regulation provides for three areas of inquiry: (A) whether there will be wasteful duplication of plant, including interference with another utility's certificates of services; (B) whether the capital required is so minimal that it will not "materially affect the financial condition of the utility in question;" and (C) whether the utility's rates will increase as a result of the proposed project.

- A. There is no wasteful duplication or interference with any other utility operations. The routine maintenance described in the Project Profile will be performed on a 250,000 gallon glass lined standpipe that was constructed in 1994 and is owned by the Lake Village Water Association and will ensure that water quality in the tank is maintained at optimum quality.
- B. There will be no material financial impact to the Lake Village Water Association because the project will primarily be paid for by a Cleaner Water Program grant and minimal contribution by the Lake Village Water Association.
- C. The Lake Village Water Association will not increase its rates as a result of this project because no loan funds will be utilized to complete the project.
- 5. The Ison Lane Standpipe Rehabilitation Project is Project Profile WX21167038.
- 6. The Ison Lane Standpipe Rehabilitation Project has completed the Kentucky State e-Clearinghouse review process.
- 7. The proposed construction project consists of power tool cleaning of the standpipe interior seams, an interior coating application and bolt replacement, as necessary.
- 8. The proposed maintenance did not require plans and specifications to be prepared by a licensed engineer.

- 9. The proposed maintenance did not require Kentucky Division of Water approval due to no modifications being made on the Ison Lane Standpipe.
- 10. The Applicant proposes to pay for the project with a Cleaner Water Program grant in the amount of \$72,589 and a local contribution from the Association in the amount of \$6,231.
- 11. The proposed maintenance to the Ison Lane Standpipe will not result in an increased cost of operation to the Applicant.
- 12. The Applicant does not contemplate having the project completed with any deviation from the minimum construction standards of the Public Service Commission.
- 13. The Applicant files herewith the following Exhibits in support of this Application:
 - A. Ison Lane Standpipe Rehabilitation Project-Project Profile WX21167038
 - B. KIA Kentucky Water Mapping- Ison Lane Standpipe location
 - C. CWP Project Budget
 - D. KIA Grant Assistance Agreement
 - E. Kentucky State e-Clearinghouse Comments
 - F. Kentucky Division of Water correspondence regarding DOW approval
 - G. Currens Construction Services, LLC Bid
- 14. The foregoing constitutes the documents necessary to obtain a Declaratory Order by the Commission in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 19.

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WHEREFORE, the Applicant, the Lake Village Water Association, Inc., requests that the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky grant to the Applicant, the following:

- a. A Declaratory Order, stating that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is not required, permitting the Applicant to complete the necessary maintenance on the Ison Lane Standpipe.
- b. An Order approving the use of a Cleaner Water Program grant in the amount of \$72,589 and a local contribution of \$6,231 to complete the maintenance project.

Lake Village Water Association, Inc.

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