November 21, 2025

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

> RE: Case No. 2025-00226 Cumberland County Water District Response to Staff Report Dated November 7, 2025

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

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

- 1. The District does not agree with the Staff's recommendation to deny the District's request to include the full amount of purchased water and power above the allowable water loss amount of fifteen percent. Staff recognized that Cumberland District's purchased water and power costs have increased. The District believes that Staff's recommended exclusion of the full amount arbitrarily deprives the District of resources needed to reduce water loss. The District respectfully requests that the Water Loss Surcharge be increased to \$3.71 as included in the ARF application.
- 2. 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.
- 3. The District concurs with the remainder of findings presented in the Staff Report.
- 4. The District waives its right to request an informal conference or hearing in this case.

Sincerely,

Troy D. Norris Vonus 1/10/25

Chairman