## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MARION COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO KRS 278.020, KRS 278.300 AND 807 KAR 5:001

CASE NO. 2021-00303

## COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO MARION COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Marion County Water District (Marion District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on or before August 19, 2021. The Commission directs Marion District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Marion District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Marion District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Marion District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Marion District shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Marion District shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide Marion District's depreciation schedule for all of its assets for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020, in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible.

2. Refer to the Application, Exhibit F, Proposed Refinancing Loan Amortization Schedule and Exhibit G, Outstanding Loan Amortization Schedule. Using the two amortization schedules, provide a schedule in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas,

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columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible showing the present value savings and net present value savings that will result from Marion District's proposed refinancing.

3. Provide a schedule in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible showing that Marion District met the debt service coverage requirements of its lenders in calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

4. Provide a schedule in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible showing that Marion District will meet the debt service coverage requirements of its lenders (existing and proposed long-term debt) for the three years following the completion of its proposed construction project. Include all calculations, assumptions (customer growth and increases in operating expenses), and workpapers used by Marion District in its response.

5. Provide a schedule in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible showing Marion District's debt service coverage (existing and proposed long-term debt), including full recovery of its depreciation expense (existing plant and the completed project) for the three years following the completion of its proposed construction project. Include all calculations, assumptions (customer growth and increases in operating expenses), and workpapers used by Marion District in its response.

6. Refer to the 2019 Marion County Water District Annual Report, page 57, and the 2020 Marion County Water District Annual Report, page 57. The line loss reported as a percentage on these pages has increased from 13.1309 percent for 2019 to 19.6695 percent in 2020.

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a. Explain the increase in line loss percentage of approximately 6.5386 percent from 2019 to 2020.

b. Provide any line loss reduction program Marion District has developed to address line loss.

c. If there hasn't been a line loss reduction program created or put into

place, explain, Marion Districts plans to reduce line loss.

for

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