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January 23, 2023

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2022-00275

Attached is a copy of a memorandum, which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the memorandum, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Justin Young at Justinwy@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director

Attachment

INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO: Case File No. 2022-00275
FROM: Justin W. Young, Staff Attorney
DATE: January 5, 2023
RE: Informal Conference of January 5, 2023

Pursuant to Commission Order filed on Dec. 29, 2022, an informal conference (IC) was conducted on January 5, 2023. Attached is a copy of the attendance roster.

The purpose of the IC was to discuss issues pertaining to Black Mountain Utility Districts failure to adequately respond to previous Data Requests. Mr. Abshire inquired into Mr. Cooper's professional background and certifications, the current state of the utility, and the previous few years. Mr. Cooper stated that record keeping and ease of record access prior to 2021 was extremely limited due to the practices of the previous contracted accountant, who subsequently retired, as well as the previous Board. Mr. Cooper stated that the record keeping, and ease of record access were much improved in 2021 and are getting better each year. There was general discussion about the state of finances at the utility to which Mr. Cooper provided his assessment of the District's financial condition. There was also a brief discussion regarding the financial strain that occurred as a result of two water districts that were added to Black Mountain Utility District. Mr. Cooper also stated that the utility was improving overall, including reducing water loss. He further stated that the rates currently in effect permit the utility to operate day to day, but that they are not sufficient to absorb unanticipated adverse operating events.

There being no further discussion, the IC was then adjourned.

cc: Parties of Record

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