COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BATH COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CASE NO.
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	2023-00097
CONSTRUCT AND FINANCE IMPROVEMENT)	
PROJECTS PURSUANT TO 278.020 AND)	
278.300)	

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

Bath County Water District (Bath District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001E, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on May 15, 2023. The Commission directs Bath District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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 question to which the response is made and 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 preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

¹ 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).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Bath District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Bath District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Bath District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Bath 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 and scanned 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, Bath District shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001E, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

- 1. Refer to the Application, Exhibit B, Bid Tabulation. Provide the criteria that Bath District will use to evaluate the bids, including but not limited to cost.
 - 2. Provide the bid expiration date.
- 3. Explain whether the new pump stations will decrease the number of hours each day the pump stations must run, and if so, whether that will allow for reasonable

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time to conduct preventative maintenance on those stations. If not, explain how necessary preventative maintenance on the pump stations will be performed.

- 4. Explain how the new pump stations will assist with increased customer demand in the areas served by the pump stations.
- 5. Explain whether customer demand in the areas served by the pump stations is expected to increase further, and if so, explain whether the new pump stations will be able to meet the increased customer, including whether the new pump stations will add capacity.
- 6. Explain whether the new pump station replacements will create redundancy for providing water to customers if the pump stations fail as compared to the current pump stations.
- 7. Explain whether there will be interruption of water service to customers during the proposed projects, and if so, state what measures will be taken to provide adequate, efficient, and reasonable water service to customers during service interruptions.
- 8. Explain whether Bath District will increase its rates to its customers as a result of the proposed project.
- 9. Describe the alternatives that were evaluated regarding the proposed water tank rehabilitation project, identify each alternative in detail, and explain why that alternative was not selected. If no alternatives were evaluated, explain in detail why no alternatives were evaluated.
- 10. Describe the alternatives that were evaluated regarding replacing the pump stations, identify each alternative in detail, and explain why that alternative was not

selected. If no alternatives were evaluated, explain in detail why no alternatives were evaluated.

- 11. Provide the current expected useful lives and remaining useful lives of the Ore Mines and Midland pump stations by plant account and provide the expected useful lives of the new pump stations.
- 12. Provide the current expected useful lives and remaining useful lives of the tanks Bath District proposes to rehabilitate and provide and explain the extent to which the rehabilitation projects are expected to extend the useful lives of each tank.

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Public Service Commission

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