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Case No. 2025-00259

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Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 1:29 PM

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Comments: August 25, 2025 Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615 Case No. 2025-00259 – Investigation into the Potential Expansion or Replacement of the Bullock Pen Water District Water Treatment Plant Dear Public Service Commissioners and Staff, We are writing to you as concerned residents and stakeholders regarding Case No. 2025-00259, the Commission's investigation into the Bullock Pen Water District's (Bullock Pen District) potential expansion or replacement of its water treatment plant, particularly as it involves increased water withdrawals from Bullock Pen Lake. On behalf of the community of residents, property owners, recreational users, and environmental

stewards of the lake and surrounding areas, we submit the following comments and concerns, for your consideration as part of the formal case record. Bullock Pen Lake is a 130 to 150-acre reservoir of unique significance to both the local ecosystem and to hundreds of lakefront and nearby homeowners in Grant and Boone counties. As the primary water supply for these two counties and nearly a dozen other communities, it is already subject to extensive use and monitoring. The proposals under consideration for expanding draw capacity at a new, larger water treatment plant—have the potential to substantially alter the lake's water levels, water quality, fishery health, recreational value, property markets, and overall environmental integrity. The prospect of substantially increased water withdrawals and lower lake levels is an urgent disruption to the ecological, recreational, and residential functions of the lake. Residents and property owners feel their interests, investments, and enjoyment of the lake are in jeopardy, unless impacts are transparently evaluated, and adequate protections are included in any project approvals. As the statutory steward of Kentucky's water resources and the regulator charged with balancing utility needs against environmental integrity and public interest, the PSC's investigation and decisions on this matter are of vital importance. We ask that the concerns of lake residents and stakeholders be carefully weighed as you proceed with the review process. The Unique Characteristics of Teal Road, Verona, KY There are 25 single family homes on Teal Road, Verona, KY (41092). While some of the lot sizes may be 3 to 4 acres, other lots can exceed 10 acres. Similarly, some property values would average \$400,000 to \$500,000 for one lot and home, while other lots and homes may exceed \$1 to \$3 Million dollars in property value. Of the 25 single family homes on Teal Road, nine (9) do not have visible or direct access to Bullock Pen late, however their deeds allow them access to the lake by a gravel path and they have individually owned docks to secure their boats. Of note, most direct lakefront properties have deeds that show the property owns the land under the lake halfway across the lake to the opposite shore. Ownership on the lake definitely enhances the property values on Teal Road. Many Teal Road homeowners are retired, having lived there 20 – 25 years or more and Teal Road is their sole address, where they and their extended families enjoy the recreational opportunities of the lake. With deep respect, we ask that the PSC Commissioners and staff alike, pause and consider the financial havoc that could face us if our home values were to drop precipitously due to lower lake water levels and loss of use of our boat docks. A drop of 20-25% could be the result, and with an increase in our water utility rates by 15 – 25%, the result would be catastrophic, especially to retirees but also to homeowners who have mortgages on their property. Their mortgages could go 'under water' compared to their equity in the home and the mortgage company could 'call' their mortgage on the home for full payment. The Bullock Pen Water District's (BPWD) current plan to borrow millions of dollars to replace the current water treatment plant with a higher capacity plant is

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