

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION )  
OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS, NOTES, )  
OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS, FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES )  
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE, )  
AND FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW )  
SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND )  
CHARGES )

CAUSE NO. 44855

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY’S SUBMISSION**  
**OF THE**  
**VERIFIED SETTLEMENT TESTIMONY OF MARK SCHMITTER**

Comes now Washington Township Water Authority, by counsel, and submits the  
Verified Settlement Testimony of Mark Schmitter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

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**VERIFIED SETTLEMENT TESTIMONY OF MARK SCHMITTER  
ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY**

**Cause No. 44855**

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**Q1. Please state your name, occupation and business address.**

A1. My name is Mark Schmitter. I am the General Manager of Washington Township Water Authority (“WTWA”). My business address is 1100 E. Chambers Pike, Bloomington, Indiana 47408.

**Q2. What is the purpose of your settlement testimony?**

A2. I am testifying to evidence the support of WTWA for the settlement agreement reached by the parties in this Cause. The settlement resolves the issues in this Cause in a reasonable manner and in a way that is acceptable to WTWA.

**Q3. Why does WTWA support the settlement in this Cause?**

A3. WTWA supports the settlement for two primary reasons. First, the settlement will facilitate Bloomington investing in its system, which provides finished water to WTWA on a wholesale basis. Bloomington offered testimony on the investment it is making in its system, especially the improvements to control disinfection byproducts (“DBPs”). Because WTWA is farther out in terms of the distribution system than other customers, DBPs are concern to WTWA, and WTWA wants to ensure that Bloomington has the funds to continue investing in its system and in controlling the DBPs. By settling, the parties avoid a time lag from a fully litigated proceeding that would delay that investment. Further, the agreed upon rate increase of 20.15% on an across-the-board basis is not significantly lower than the 22% increase that Bloomington requested.

Second, Bloomington has agreed in the settlement to communicate with and allow input by WTWA on any cost of service study that Bloomington might undertake that impacts its rate design. By following the settlement, should Bloomington undertake a cost of service study before its next rate case, that communication and input should help to minimize the issues with rate design in Bloomington’s next rate case and increase the legal efficiency of that next rate case. Ultimately, that will benefit all parties in Bloomington’s next rate case by having communication and input during the development of the rate design rather than fights about the rate design post-development in the context of a Commission proceeding.

**Q4. Do you believe the settlement is reasonable and in the public interest?**


A4. Yes, I do.

**Q5. Does this conclude your settlement testimony at this time?**

A5. Yes.

**VERIFICATION**

I hereby verify under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signature:   
Mark Schmitter

Dated: 1/6/2017