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**PETITION OF JACKSON COUNTY WATER)
UTILITY, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE)
LONG TERM DEBT AND CHANGES TO ITS)
RATES, CHARGES AND TARIFF)**

CAUSE NO. 45640

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) has caused the following entry to be made:

On November 5, 2021, Jackson County Water Utility, Inc. (“Petitioner”) filed its Verified Petition requesting the Commission consider its requested relief in two phases. Petitioner proposed the first phase (“Phase 1”) to consider Petitioner’s request for approval to issue long-term debt and the second phase (“Phase 2”) to consider Petitioner’s request for approval to changes in its rates and charges.

On December 6, 2021, Petitioner filed a Stipulation and Agreement as to Procedural Schedule regarding its Phase 1 request for financing approval. The Presiding Officers, having reviewed the proposed procedural schedule agreed upon with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”), establish the following procedural schedule for Phase 1. The procedural schedule for Phase 2 will be established following the Commission’s Order in Phase 1.

1. OUCC’s and Intervenors’ Prefiling Date. The OUCC and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before January 26, 2022. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

2. Petitioner’s Rebuttal Prefiling Date. Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before February 10, 2022. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

3. Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties’ Cases-In-Chief. In the event this Cause is not settled, the cases-in-chief of the Petitioner, the OUCC, and any Intervenors shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 10:30 a.m. on March 2, 2022, in Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties shall be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioner shall present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of the OUCC’s or Intervenors’ witnesses. If the parties

reach settlement, the agreement and supporting testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Commission ten business days prior to the evidentiary hearing.

4. **Post-Hearing Filings.** Petitioner shall file its proposed order on or before March 11, 2022. The OUCC and any Intervenor shall file their respective proposed orders on or before March 25, 2022. Petitioner shall file its reply to any proposed order of the OUCC or an Intervenor on or before April 1, 2022.

5. **Hearing Exhibits.** Paper copies of exhibits to be offered at the evidentiary hearing must be: (a) single-sided; (b) fastened together with staples, binder clips, or other non-permanent bindings that have no more than three holes along the longest edge. Exhibits that contain excel spreadsheets, are oversized or voluminous in nature, should be run through an optical character recognition program and offered on a compact disc. Confidential exhibits shall be offered on green paper in an envelope marked “confidential” or, if offered on a compact disc, the exhibits and compact disc shall be labeled “confidential.”

6. **Sworn Testimony.** Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding shall be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-18(h), if the prefiled testimony of a witness is to be offered into evidence at the evidentiary hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the evidentiary hearing, the prefiled testimony shall be accompanied by the witness’s sworn affidavit or written verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

7. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and shall be conducted on an informal basis. The parties agree that any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within five calendar days of the receipt of such request. Further, any discovery request received after 2:00 p.m. on any day shall be deemed to have been served the next business day. The parties also agree to use electronic discovery and, subject to protections for confidential information, serve discovery requests and responses on all parties.

8. **Prefiling of Working Papers.** When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party shall file a copy of the working papers used to produce that evidence within two business days after the prefiling of such technical evidence. Copies of same shall also be served on the other parties to this Cause.

9. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** Filings with the Commission shall comply with General Administrative Order 2016-2. Any corrections to prefiled testimony shall be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections.

10. **Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.** Any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties of record as soon as an objection can be reasonably determined, but no less than ten days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.

11. Intervenors. Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause shall be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



David E. Ziegner, Commissioner



Loraine L. Seyfried, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: December 7, 2021