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## STATE OF INDIANA

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# IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF EDWARDSVILLE WATER AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL TO ADJUST ITS RATES AND CHARGES

CAUSE NO. 45997

#### **PETITION**

### TO THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION:

Edwardsville Water Authority ("Petitioner" or "Edwardsville"), by counsel, respectfully requests authority to adjust its rates and charges. In support of its Petition, Edwardsville states:

- 1. Edwardsville is a water authority constituted under Ind. Code § 13-18-16-16, organized and existing under and through the laws of the State of Indiana. Edwardsville's office is located at 545 Maplewood Boulevard, Georgetown, IN 47122.
- 2. Under Ind. Code § 13-18-16-16(h), Edwardsville's rates and charges are subject to the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") as set forth in Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8.
- 3. Edwardsville believes the following statutes may also be applicable to this case: Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-42, 8-1-2-61, 8-1-2-83, and other applicable statutes located in Ind. Code ch. 8-1-2.
- 4. Edwardsville owns, operates, and maintains wells, treatment facilities, transmission facilities, distribution facilities, land, land rights, equipment, materials, supplies, working capital, and other property which are used and useful for the rendering of water service to its customers. Edwardsville provides water to primarily residential, commercial, and agricultural customers in Floyd and Harrison Counties, Indiana.
- 5. Edwardsville's current base rates and charges for water utility service were approved in the Commission's December 30, 2015 Order in Cause No. 44642. As required by Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42, more than 15 months have passed since the filing date of Petitioner's last request for a general increase in its basic rates and charges.

- 6. Edwardsville proposes a historic test year comprising the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023, with adjustments for changes that are fixed, known, and measurable and in effect within 12 months after the test year.
- 7. Edwardsville will propose in this case new water rates and charges which will be sufficient to pay its expenses as set forth in Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8, resulting in an estimated \$469,382 increase in its revenue requirement, which is approximately a 17.37% across-the-board increase.
- 8. Included with this *Petition*, Edwardsville is submitting its case-in-chief, which includes the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of Lori A. Young, P.E. and Scott A. Miller, CPA, including supporting attachments, schedules, and workpapers.
- 9. Pursuant to the best practices set forth in the Commission's GAO 2013-5 (July 3, 2013), Edwardsville has consulted with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor regarding a proposed expedited procedural schedule. Concurrent with this petition, Edwardsville will file a motion for adoption of the expedited proposed schedule.
- 10. The attorneys representing Edwardsville in this proceeding who are authorized to accept service of papers on behalf of the Edwardsville are:

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WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, Edwardsville Water Authority, respectfully requests that the Commission: (a) promptly establish a procedural schedule in this Cause; (b) conduct such hearings as the Commission believes necessary and appropriate; (c) authorize Edwardsville to increase its rates and charges for water utility service; (d) approve Edwardsville's new schedule of rates and charges; and (e) for all other appropriate relief. Respectfully Submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on December 21, 2023, the foregoing was filed electronically with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission using the Commission's electronic filing system and was served electronically on the parties below:

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