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June 29, 2018

Mississippi Public Service Commission  
501 North West Street, Suite 201A  
Jackson, MS. 39201

Attention Ms. Katherine Collier

RE: Punkin Water Association/ MS Public Service  
Commission Number 2018-AD-36 Melanie Rube, et. al.

Dear Ms Collier,

In further reference to the above, please file this letter and its attachments in the above case. This is the monthly report as required in the post hearing Order entered on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. Included with this report are a copy of the first two pages form the PWA web site, a copy of a sample invoice, which has the meeting notification on the second page, a one page letter from the Mississippi State Department of Health approving the plans for the Phase 1 waterline upgrade, which is a portion of the interconnection with the City of Oxford, an email from Eric Williams of the Mississippi Department of health and a copy of a letter from the Engineer for Punkin Water dated May 21, 2018. This letter was previously submitted, but is included again here as a convenience for referral when reviewing this submission in regard to the improvements to the system.

The first two pages of the web site and the sample invoice are submitted in compliance to the directives in the Post Hearing Order as specified in items 1) and 6). The next meeting date is on each invoice and the web site, [www.punkinwater.com](http://www.punkinwater.com), was active on May 19, 2018. It contains the time, date, and place of the monthly Board of Directors Meetings. The email address is [punkinwaterassoc@gmail.com](mailto:punkinwaterassoc@gmail.com).

Please allow the next portion of this letter to serve as an update of the progress made on items 3), 4), and 5). As to item 3) PWA and the City have been working on this matter since the hearing. The engineers have exchanged information. The plans and specification for Phase 1 of the Interconnection have been approved by the Mississippi State Department of Health, as shown by the attached letter dated June 21, 2018 from Mr. Ralph Hayes, P. E., BCEE, Engineering Director.

As noted in the previous filing, specifically in the ESI May 21, 2018 letter included herein, discussions with the City after the hearing revealed requirements by the City which will be much more costly than originally anticipated. ESI is doing a cost analysis of the entire project. An additional line is being required by the City and the proposed location or route for that line has been approved by the City. The preliminary estimates reveal that the cost for the construction, exclusive of other costs, will be in the \$850,000.00 range. It may be necessary to review other sources of water or options. Water pressure has also been an issue in some portion of the system which should be address, and that will also require significant funding. Please also note that PWS has sufficient reserves to comply with USDA criteria for its two loans and is current on its payments on those loans. PWA cannot complete all of the above projects and maintain those reserves.

As to item 4) Tom Abernathy and others from the MSRWA assisted extensively in removing the existing Iron Removal Plant and the prior filter media. A new filter media was installed, which is operative at this time, along with some additional piping. New protocols are in place to properly operate the plant as it is now configured. The items listed in Paragraph 1. of the enclosed ESI letter of May 21, 2018, have been accomplished.

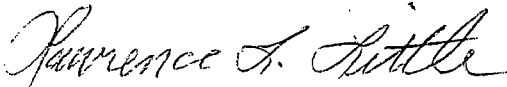
As to item 5) the Mississippi Department of Health has tested the water as indicated by the email attached above email from Eric Williams of the Mississippi Department of Health. On June 20, 2018, the iron content was 0.2 ppm, which is a significant improvement. The color of the water is also better. Please refer to the letter mentioned above from the Mississippi State Department of Health as to the approval of the interconnection plan as further compliance to this directive.

Please advise if you have any questions or coments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE L. LITTLE & ASSOCIATES, PA



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enclosure

cc Mr. Chris Hutchinson  
Punkin Water System



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Punkin Water Association  
Post Office Box 114  
Oxford MS 38655  
662.832.5946  
[punkinwaterassoc@gmail.com](mailto:punkinwaterassoc@gmail.com)

May 19, 2018

Dear Punkin Water Member,

Punkin Water now has an active website, [www.punkinwater.com](http://www.punkinwater.com). You can sign up to receive notification from Punkin Water on the website. The by-laws are also available there. Punkin Water Association Board meets monthly at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Lafayette County Chancery Building, upstairs in the Supervisors Board Room, 300 North Lamar Blvd, Oxford, MS.

Sincerely,

Punkin Water Association Board:

John Davis- President  
Tracey Mooneyham- Secretary  
Lindsey Hill  
Douglas Hill

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TYPE OF SERVICE	METER READING		USED	CHARGES
	PRESENT	PREVIOUS		
Water	52800	0	52.800	197.80

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CUSTOMER		DUE DATE
ROUTE	ACCOUNT	PAST DUE AFTER THIS DATE
1	1182	7/10/18
TOTAL DUE UPON RECEIPT		PAST DUE AMOUNT
197.80		217.58

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IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER IS AVAILABLE IN 2017 CCR REPORT AT [www.punkinwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2017-CCR.pdf](http://www.punkinwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2017-CCR.pdf) FOR HARD COPY, CALL 662-832-5946

METER READ MONTH DAY CLASS			ACCOUNT # 1182 6/27/18		
			TOTAL DUE UPON RECEIPT	LATE CHARGE AFTER DUE DATE	PAST DUE AMOUNT
6	25	1	197.80	19.78	217.58

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847 HWY 7 SOUTH  
OXFORD MS 38655

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF THIS CARD!

*mailed 6/28/18*  
*front of card*

Punkin Water Association

Phone: 662-832-5946

Email: [punkinwaterassoc@gmail.com](mailto:punkinwaterassoc@gmail.com)

[www.punkinwater.com](http://www.punkinwater.com)

Board Meeting is Monday, July 9, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

At Lafayette County Chancery Building, 300 North Lamar

PWA's 2017 Consumer Confidence Report is available at

[www.punkinwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2017-CCR.pdf](http://www.punkinwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2017-CCR.pdf)

For a hard copy of the 2017 CCR, call 662-832-5946

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	PRESENT	PREVIOUS		
Water	821300	821800	999,500	3,511.25
Sales Tax				245.79
Credit				(380.53)

PUNKIN WATER ASSOCIATIO

CUSTOMER		DUE DATE
ROUTE	ACCOUNT	PAST DUE AFTER THIS DATE
1	90	6/10/18
TOTAL DUE UPON RECEIPT		PAST DUE AMOUNT
3,376.51		3,714.16

MAIL THIS STUB WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Service From 4/29/2018 TO 5/24/2018 ACCOUNT # 90 5/30/18

MIDWAY CHURCH  
47 CR 417  
OXFORD MS 38655-0792

METER READ		CLASS	TOTAL DUE UPON RECEIPT	LATE CHARGE AFTER DUE DATE	PAST DUE AMOUNT
MONTH	DAY				
5	24	5	3,376.51	337.65	3,714.16

PWA Board Meeting on June 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Lafayette County Chancery Building at 300 N. Lamar Blvd.  
Contact Info: 662-832-5946 or punkinwaterassoc@gmail.com

2018-AD-36



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

June 21, 2018

Michael J. Falkner, P.E.  
Engineering Solutions, Inc.  
P.O. Box 811  
Pontotoc, MS 38863

**RE: Phase 1 Waterline Upgrades – 10 inch waterline to City of Oxford;  
Punkin Water Association; Lafayette County; PWS ID# 0360013;  
Reference #118239**

Dear Mr. Falkner:

We have reviewed the information submitted for the above referenced project, and the plans and specifications are hereby approved.

The Bureau of Public Water Supply of the Mississippi State Department of Health must be notified of the final inspection. To assure that a Bureau Representative can be present, please notify the Bureau in writing two weeks prior to the inspection. When this project is completed, we will require:

Certification from you that the project has been completed in substantial accordance with approved plans and specifications.

Records of the satisfactory bacteriological results from an approved laboratory.

One set of as-built plans and completion data.

If construction of this project has not been initiated within one year from this date, then this approval will be invalid and the project must be resubmitted.

We will retain the information you submitted for our files.

Sincerely,

Ralph Hayes, P.E., BCEE, Engineering Director  
Bureau of Public Water Supply  
Mississippi State Department of Health

cc: Responsible Official  
Certified Operator  
County Environmentalist

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**Larry Little**

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**From:** ESI [mikef@esi-ms.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2018 4:53 PM  
**To:** Larry Little  
**Subject:** Fwd: Punkin  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Mike Falkner, PE, PS  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Williams, J.Eric" <J.Eric.Williams@msdh.ms.gov>  
**Date:** June 20, 2018 at 3:15:23 PM CDT  
**To:** Mike Falkner <mikef@esi-ms.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Punkin

Mike,

Stopped by Punkin today. Iron was 0.2 ppm when I checked it. Looks like it's working well now. As long as Tony only backwashes on an as needed basis, it should continue to produce good water.

Thanks,  
Eric Williams

On Jun 20, 2018, at 8:03 AM, Mike Falkner <mikef@esi-ms.com> wrote:

Eric,

If you have time, can you run by Punkin and check the finished water iron level? It was 0.76 ppm Sunday morning. Like to track how it's doing now the filter has had time to settle in.

Thanks,

Mike J. Falkner, PE, PS  
Principal  
Engineering Solutions, Inc.  
662.489.1525  
<image001.jpg>

6/28/2018

2018-AD-36



May 21, 2018

Mr. Chris Hutchinson  
Chief, Special Staff; Director, Rural Expansion  
MS Public Service Commission, Northern District  
Woolfolk Building  
501 North West Street, Suite 201A  
Jackson, MS 39201

RE: Punkin Water Association, Docket No. 2018-AD-36

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

This is to document, pursuant to a post hearing order on the above referenced case, the immediate and intermediate efforts which are planned based on extensive input from Mr. Tom Abernathy with MSRWA and also from area engineers Scooter Lockhart and Eric Williams with MSDH. Personnel from ESI will be involved in an advisory role as well during these efforts.

1. Existing Iron Removal Plant: Punkin Water Association (PWA) has engaged a local contractor to clean out and pressure wash the filter clearwell, then remove all filter media and clean the media chamber. ESI has contacted the current dealer representative for the filter plant to determine how quickly they can provide the replacement filter media on site. This contractor is scheduled to mobilize on site this week, on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

Once the filter is clean and has new media, PWA intends to install a system to feed a polymer solution which may help the iron and manganese particles settle out and reduce the loading on the distribution system.

MSRWA staff have committed to be available during these efforts.

2. ESI has designed a water main extension to connect to the City of Oxford. This was designed as a 10" line but an increase to 14" has been requested from MSDH Engineer Eric Williams, who is currently reviewing the plans. ESI is also tasked with designing upgrades to certain lines within the system to improve hydraulics in the areas of The Lakes and The Highlands/Tuscan Hills, to accommodate better flushing and line pressure.
3. Discussions with City Engineer and Director of Public Works Bart Robinson have revealed that the City also requires a 12" line be run from the proposed connection point with PWA to a point inside the City where a larger line can be accessed to improve the City's hydraulic capacity. This was not anticipated by PWA in their planning, having been a somewhat late development for the City based on PWA's requested service level. This will require additional engineering and may also require PWA to borrow funds, as this additional line would exceed their available reserves to



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construct in addition to other needed line upgrades and filter improvements. If a loan is required, the time necessary to make that happen is undetermined but is being investigated. More information may be available at the next reporting date.

These efforts are receiving high priority from ESI as well as the PWA board. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Falkner".

Mike Falkner, PE, PS  
Principal

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