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Mississippi Public Service Commission  
501 North West Street, Suite 201A  
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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 August report as required in the post hearing Order entered on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. Included with this report is a copy of the Punkin Water Association monthly Board meeting Agenda for the August 13, 2018 meeting. Approximately twenty (20) people were present at the meeting. Those present were allowed to provide input and discussion after adjournment of the regular board meeting.

At the meeting, the board approved President, John Davis' request to begin training a new person to assist him in reading the water meters each month. This request was approved by the board.

Also at the meeting, President Davis reported that a new filter had been ordered for the old well but had not yet arrived. The system continues to rely on the old well on an as needed basis and the new filter should improve the quality of water it generates.

Engineer, Mike Falkner with Engineering Solutions then provided a report on the progress of the projects that were approved at the prior month's meeting. The project to increase the size of the lines on County Road 415 and Highway 6 (Phase III) was ready to advertise for bids. The time line of the bidding process was discussed and it was determined that the bids would not be certified in time to be considered at the next scheduled board meeting. President Davis moved that, in order to prevent any further delay of the project that once the bids were certified, that he be able to communicate with the other board members and obtain approval from the board on acceptance of a bid. This motion was approved unanimously by the board. As of the date of the board meeting, no additional action had been taken regarding the Phase I project which had been approved at the prior meeting. Phase I is the first step to be taken in making a connection to

purchase water from the City of Oxford. It was believed by the engineer and the board that the City would not be ready for the connection any time soon.

The regular board meeting was then adjourned and the audience was permitted to ask questions at which time numerous complaints were voiced, including the lack of progress on Phase I, the contents of the minutes from the July meeting, the contents of the by-laws, a loss of water pressure the previous week which self corrected but for which no cause was identified other than the possibility that many people were watering their lawns at the time, the fact that Punkin's legal counsel was leading the board meeting instead of the President, that some members continued to have discolored water and notices not being posted on the association web site. The association's operator was present at the meeting and stated that tests conducted at the well site where the new filter had been installed showed almost no iron present.

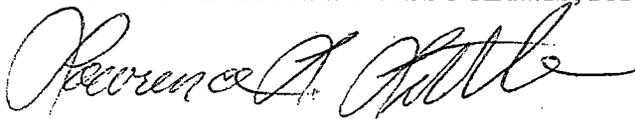
Since the board meeting, Punkin's legal counsel along with one of the association's members met with the engineer for the City of Oxford to discuss when the City might be ready for Punkin Water to connect and begin purchasing water. At that time, it was learned that the City could be ready for the connection in three (3) to six (6) months, which was sooner than Punkin Water previously understood the time frame to be. Also discussed was the rate which Punkin Water will be required to pay to the City to purchase its water. According to the City engineer, the purchase of City water is likely to cause Punkin Water Association members' water bills to triple.

According to the City engineer, the next step was to have an agreement to purchase water approved by the Board of Aldermen. As of the date of this letter, a first draft of such an agreement has been prepared and sent to Punkin Water's engineer to draft the engineering specifications that should be included in the agreement. Also, since Phase I has already been approved by the Health Department and the board, Punkin's engineer will advertise for bids for Phase I in addition to Phase III.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Punkin Water System