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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 October 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 October, 2018 meeting. Approximately fifteen (15) people were present at the meeting. Those present were allowed to provide input and discussion both during and after adjournment of the regular board meeting.

There was no new business to be discussed at the meeting. An update was given by board counsel as to the status of the project known as "Phase III." Bids for the project had been advertised and were scheduled to be opened on October 23, 2018. Also, the engineers had received approval for a right-of-way permit from MDOT and could then begin determining where easements would be needed for the new lines. The MDOT permit was not limited to Phase III but also included Phases I and II. Board counsel also reported that some mitigating indemnity language had been submitted to the City for the proposed Water Purchase Agreement but the City had not yet provided a response. Finally, the law firm of Lawrence L. Little & Associates submitted a letter of resignation to the board making their resignation as board counsel effective when substitute counsel was obtained or November 19, 2018, whichever occurred first.

Since the board meeting on October 8, 2018, the following steps have been taken:

1. Notice of the annual members meeting along with proxy voting forms for the board election were posted on the Punkin Water Association website as of October 10, 2018.

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2. The City of Oxford agreed to the revised indemnity language in the proposed Water Purchase Agreement.
3. Bids for Phase III were opened on October 23, 2018. The lowest bid was for approximately \$493,000 which fell within the budget constraints set by the water system.
4. Easements for the Phase III project were prepared and given to the water association to obtain signatures.
5. The board agreed to retain Mark Woods of Daniel, Coker Horton & Bell to be the new board counsel and Mr. Woods agreed to serve in that capacity. Lawrence L. Little & Associates will be working with Mr. Woods until November 19, 2018 to effect the transition. Mr. Woods is a member of Punkin Water Association and has been attending the meetings for many months.
6. The water association has contacted an accountant about overseeing the board election and counting ballots at the members meeting on November 19, 2018.

The Punkin Water Board of Directors currently has five members. Three of those members have terms expiring this year. Only one incumbent will be running for re-election. The open positions will be one one year term and two three year terms. The one year term is the remainder of the term of a board member who resigned earlier in the year. There are currently five (5) individuals who have agreed to be considered for election to the board. Effective as of November 19, 2018, there will be a new sitting board of directors and a new board attorney.

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cc: Mr. Chris Hutchinson  
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PUNKIN WATER ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
October 8, 2018

Call meeting to order.

Read and approve minutes of September meeting

New Business

No new business

Old Business

Board counsel to give report on status of Phase III project.

Adjourn meeting

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