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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
SOUTHWESTERN BARTHOLOMEW WATER)
CORPORATION OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FOR)
APPROVAL OF (1) THE ISSUANCE OF LONG)
TERM BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF)
INDEBTEDNESS, (2) FOR AUTHORITY TO)
ENCUMBER ITS FRANCHISE, WORKS AND)
SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH)
BORROWING, (3) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LONG TERM DEBT, (4))
FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND)
CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE, (5) FOR)
APPROVAL OF A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES)
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE)

CAUSE NO. 46269

APPROVED: FEB 18 2026

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Presiding Officers:

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

Sean Gorman, Administrative Law Judge

On July 2, 2025, Southwestern Bartholomew County Water, Inc. ("Petitioner") filed a Verified Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") seeking authority to incur long term debt and engage in related activities, to increase its rates and charges for water service, and for approval of a new schedule of water rates and charges.

Also on July 2, 2025, Petitioner filed the Direct Testimony and Exhibits constituting its case-in-chief. As its case in-chief, Petitioner filed the following:

- Verified Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Petitioner's Vice President, Joe Lohmeyer
- Verified Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Petitioner's General Manager Kimberly "Darlene" Keller
- Verified Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Petitioner's Rate Consultant, Tracy Wyne, Certified Public Accountant
- Verified Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Petitioner's Engineering Consultant, Daren S. Wells, Professional Engineer
- Verified Direct Testimony of Petitioner's Treasurer, Eric C. Schneider

A public field hearing was held in this Cause at 6:00 p.m. on September 17, 2025, in the Cal Brand Meeting Room at Columbus City Hall, 123 Washington Street, Columbus.

On October 8, 2025, the Indiana Office of Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”) filed its Notice of Settlement. On November 17, 2025, Petitioner filed its Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) and Ms. Keller’s settlement testimony. Also on November 17, 2025, the OUCC filed the settlement testimony of Jason T. Compton, Water and Wastewater Division Utility Analyst.

The Commission held an evidentiary hearing in this Cause at 9:30 a.m. on December 8, 2025, in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Petitioner and the OUCC were present and participated through counsel. The evidence of the respective Parties was admitted without objection.

Based on the applicable law and the evidence presented, the Commission finds:

1. **Notice and Jurisdiction.** Notices of the hearings in this Cause were given and published as required by law. Petitioner is a not-for-profit utility as defined in Ind. Code § 8-1-2-125 and a public utility as defined by Ind. Code § 8-1-2-1(a). The Commission has authority to approve Petitioner’s rates and charges for utility service under Ind. Code § 8-1-2-125 and related statutes, and its borrowing request under Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-76, -77, -78, -79, -80, -83, and related statutes; therefore, the Commission has jurisdiction over Petitioner and the subject matter of this Cause.

2. **Petitioner’s Characteristics.** Petitioner is a not-for-profit public water utility incorporated in the State of Indiana with its principal place of business located at 4735 W. Carlos Folger Drive, Columbus. Petitioner was formed in 1965 and is governed by a five-member Board of Directors (“Board”). Petitioner provides water service to approximately 3,200 residential customers, 12 commercial customers, and 20 government customers in Bartholomew and Brown Counties. Petitioner purchases 100% of its water from the City of Columbus, by and through its municipal water utility, Columbus City Utilities. Petitioner’s current base rates were approved by the Commission’s August 24, 2016 Order in Cause No. 44754.

3. **Relief Requested.** Petitioner has requested Commission authority to engage in long-term borrowing, to issue notes, and/or other evidence of long-term debt, and to encumber its utility property by mortgage and/or other security instruments and for a certificate authorizing such financing activities. Petitioner has also requested Commission authority to increase its rates and charges for water utility service and for a new schedule of rates and charges.

4. **Test Year and Rate Base Cut-off.** As proposed by the Parties, the test year for determining Petitioner’s actual and pro forma operating revenues, expenses, and operating income under present and proposed rates is the 12-month timeframe ending December 31, 2024, adjusted for changes that are fixed, known, and measurable for ratemaking purposes and will occur within 12 months following the end of the test year.

5. Petitioner's Case-in-Chief.

A. Joe Lohmeyer. Mr. Lohmeyer testified describing Petitioner's system, relief sought, its goals and challenges, and how the relief in this Cause will help overcome those challenges. He explained that Petitioner's proposed Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") and unaccounted for water reduction plan will address challenges. Mr. Lohmeyer explained the Corporate Resolution approving the filing of the Petition in this Cause for rate relief and borrowing authority.

Mr. Lohmeyer testified that Petitioner prefers to fund its CIP through the Rural Development Agency ("RD"). Petitioner's Board, in conjunction with the Board's financial consultant, determined that a loan with RD would serve the best interest of the ratepayers because of the lower interest rate over a 40-year loan, if RD financing is available.

B. Kimberly "Darlene" Keller. Ms. Keller described Petitioner's organization, history, system, governance, customers, sources of water supply and service area. She explained that current rates and charges were approved by the Commission's Order in Cause No. 44754. Ms. Keller noted that Petitioner had certain requirements from prior Commission Orders and confirmed Petitioner's full compliance with those requirements.

Ms. Keller explained Petitioner's five-year Extension and Replacement ("E&R") Plan. She and Petitioner's Consulting Engineer Darren Wells of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. offered a detailed description of each component, explained why each component is required, and explained how the cost of each component is reasonable. She provided that Petitioner's E&R Plan consists of the following components:

- Meter Replacement Program
- Service Truck Replacement
- Ipad Replacement for Field Work and Meter Reading
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System Replacement
- Booster Station Pump Programmable Logic Controller Upgrade
- Office Computer Replacements
- Indiana Department of Transportation/County Watermain Relocation from Public Right-of-Way
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air conditioner Unit for Petitioner's Office
- Customer Requested Main Extensions
- Geographic Information System ("GIS") Equipment
- Locking Hydrant and Padlock Mechanisms
- Locating Wand and Locate Marker Smart Balls
- Water Treatment Plant ("WTP") Ion Exchange Resin

Ms. Keller testified that the project engineer from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. provided engineering justification for additional E&R Plan items listed in a Preliminary Engineering Report ("PER") as "Short-Lived Assets". She provided the description and anticipated cost of these components of the E&R Plan.

Ms. Keller testified concerning the need for Petitioner to prepare for the retirement of its long-time Superintendent, Douglas Prather, who has been an employee of Petitioner since 1976. Ms. Keller testified that Petitioner's Board created a job description and hired a new Assistant Superintendent to prepare for the retirement of the current Superintendent.

Ms. Keller also testified concerning Petitioner's plan on employee compensation. Petitioner's Board reviewed employee compensation and approved 2025 wages and benefits which included health insurance premium payments with a required employee contribution. Petitioner's Exhibit 2, Attachment 2-J outlined the 2025 wage and benefit plan for Petitioner's employees.

Ms. Keller testified that Petitioner's Board developed and approved a ten-step program to address lost/unaccounted for water. The plan includes the hiring of a GIS Coordinator, customer meter replacement, annual manual inspection of all meter pits, installation of 15 master meters, inspection of master meters every five years, purchasing and installing locking hydrant mechanisms and pad locks, purchasing locate wand and smart balls, purchasing equipment, the review of customer billing data for each billing cycle, and customer meter testing.

C. **Tracy Wyne.** Ms. Wyne testified that the purpose of her prefiled testimony was to explain the rate study ("Report"). The Report sets forth the proper level of rate relief for Petitioner in this Cause and the forecasted revenue requirements for Petitioner to cover its estimated operating expenses, E&R funding, and the repayment of existing and proposed long-term debt.

Ms. Wyne testified that Petitioner is proposing a two-phase rate increase. Phase I of the proposed increase cover current operational, capital, and debt service needs. Phase II incorporates the debt service and debt service reserve components for the financing of Petitioner's proposed capital improvement project.

Ms. Wyne proposed the test year be the year ended December 31, 2024. She testified that the proposed test year, when coupled with fixed, known, and measurable adjustments expected to occur within 12 months of the end of the test year, is representative of Petitioner's operations for ratemaking purposes.

She explained that the Report contains historical and forecasted statements of income at present and proposed rates, a summary of forecasted cash flows and revenue requirements and the forecasted increase in rates. The Report contains a summary of significant assumptions made in preparing the forecast. It provides details concerning the adjustments made in developing the forecast. The Report also contains a schedule summarizing the components of Petitioner's E&R Plan. A schedule of estimated project costs and sources of funds is presented. Summaries of annual debt service and debt service reserve requirements on existing and proposed indebtedness are set forth in the Report. The Report contains complete amortization schedules relating to the Petitioner's existing and proposed indebtedness and a calculation of debt coverage at present and proposed rates.

Ms. Wyne explained the method used to develop forecast information. She also provided the details and rationale for each of the revenue and expense adjustments.

Ms. Wyne stated she included an E&R Plan in the revenue requirements. The annual E&R requirement of \$325,341 is based on average annual expenditures over the term of the E&R Plan.

Ms. Wyne described Petitioner's existing long-term debt, the terms of each debt issuance, and the status of the debt service reserve accounts.

Ms. Wyne explained that based on the Report, Petitioner will need an increase in annual operating revenues for Phase I of \$343,281, which is an increase of 15.43% above present rates to be implemented as an across-the-board increase.

Ms. Wyne testified that Petitioner seeks to incur additional debt in this Cause to finance the proposed CIP. Ms. Wyne described Petitioner's proposed debt issuances, detailing the principal amounts, terms and projected debt service reserve requirements. She explained the interest rate assumptions used in her analysis under each of the financing alternatives. Ms. Wyne described the true-up procedure. Preferred financing is through RD. Ms. Wyne explained that if funding through RD is not available, Petitioner will seek financing through the Indiana Finance Authority's State Revolving Loan Fund ("SRF").

Ms. Wyne testified that based on the Report for Phase II with RD financing, Petitioner will need an increase in annual operating revenues of \$476,514, which is an increase of 18.55% above the proposed Phase I rates. She explained that this proposed Phase II revenue increase is calculated based on two assumptions: that Petitioner can secure financing through RD with interest rates of 4.25% (40-year repayment) to finance its proposed CIP, and that actual project costs will be \$7,964,600.

Ms. Wyne testified that for Phase II with SRF financing utilized in place of RD financing, Petitioner will need an increase in annual operating revenues of \$776,940, which is an increase of 30.25% above the proposed Phase I rates. She explained that this proposed Phase II revenue increase is calculated based on two assumptions: that Petitioner can secure SRF with interest rates of 5.00% (20-year repayment) to finance its proposed CIP, and that actual project costs will be \$7,658,600.

Ms. Wyne testified the proposed financing through either RD or SRF is a reasonable means of funding the CIP. Ms. Wyne summarized Petitioner's current and proposed annual debt service requirements.

D. Darren Wells. Mr. Wells described Petitioner's service area. He identified several concerns with Petitioner's system including water loss, aging equipment and infrastructure, and operational challenges stemming from topography.

Mr. Wells summarized results of recent inspections on the system's seven storage tanks and explained how the results indicated that regular tank maintenance is required. Mr. Wells emphasized that the Ogilville Tank required early rehabilitation compared to the other storage tanks due to advanced condition of deterioration and several Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Indiana Department of Environmental Management regulatory violations which risk operator safety and water quality.

Mr. Wells testified that he worked with Petitioner to identify needs and priorities for the PER. He stated that he assisted with development of cost estimates for the proposed project including WTP, distribution system and standby power improvements.

Mr. Wells explained that he consulted with Petitioner to assist in developing a water loss prevention plan. Mr. Wells detailed why each proposed project component was needed and outlined their respective detailed cost estimates. He provided that the components of the water loss prevention plan include, but are not limited to:

- Replacement of all customer meters in system from manual read to automatic meter reading
- Water meter pit leak visual inspection
- 10 new master meters to isolate all service areas
- Inspection, electronic calibration, and in-situ flow accuracy testing of master meters every 5 years
- Installation of locks on all fire and flushing hydrants
- Implementation of “smart ball detection”
- Implementation of using high-density polyethylene for small diameter water services and main extensions for jointless pipe connections
- GIS Coordinator staff to be hired to refine system mapping for location accuracy
- Monthly review of customer billing data for data gaps and/or anomalies
- Continuation of customer meter reactive testing

Mr. Wells discussed and supported the following projects which are components of the proposed project:

- WTP #1 Treatment Alternative 1D: Replace and Upsize Softeners and Plant Upgrades
 - Remove and replace existing deteriorated 6-foot diameter softeners with 8-foot diameter softeners to provide improved softening efficiency and accommodate future demand projections
 - Miscellaneous upgrades to process piping, valves, pumping, and disinfection equipment
- WTP #2 Treatment Alternative 2A: Refurbish Softeners and Replace Meters
 - Refurbishing media and components in existing softeners
 - General miscellaneous upgrades to process piping and valves
 - New emergency valve shut off system for chlorine gas system
- Distribution System Main Lines Alternative 4: New 400 W Loop
 - New 6-inch loop to eliminate dead ends and improve residual pressures
 - Replace existing 4 inch water meter with 6-inch water meter
- Distribution System Main Lines Alternative 5: main pressure relief valve Improvements
 - Replacing six of 11 existing system main pressure relief valves and removing 2 from system
- Distribution System Main Lines Alternative 6: New Master Meters
 - 10 new master meters in distribution system to isolate each subservice area

- Distribution System Booster Pump Stations Alternative 1A: Brown County Booster Pump Station (“BPS”) Replacement
 - Replace vintage below grade Brown County BPS with new, above-grade station
- Standby Power Alternative 3: Becks Grove BPS Generator
 - New generator at Becks Grove BPS
- Standby Power Alternative 4: Brown County BPS Generator
 - New generator at Brown County BPS
- Standby Power Alternative 6: Portable Generator
 - New portable generator to be housed at WTP #1.

Mr. Wells testified that PER project cost estimates included a 10% construction contingency and a 10% Build America, Buy American (“BABA”) and/or tariff contingency.

Mr. Wells testified that the cost estimates were believed to be reasonable and within the consulting engineering industry standards of accuracy for this stage of project development at the time of the testimony. He explained that the cost estimates were based upon recent bidding results, input provided by local vendors and contractors, and past project experience/knowledge from similar types of work.

Mr. Wells summarized Petitioner’s short-lived assets, both existing and new and estimated replacement interval and cost for each short-lived asset. Description of assets and their useful lives are detailed in the PER and replacement of these assets is provided in Petitioner’s E&R Plan.

E. **Eric C. Schneider.** Mr. Schneider testified regarding the increased operations and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses.

Mr. Schneider also outlined capital needs after a review of the PER prepared by Mr. Wells. He explained that the CIP was determined to be appropriate by the Board.

Mr. Schneider testified that Petitioner’s Board reviewed the Report of Sherman, Barber & Mullikin in determining the necessity of seeking rate relief from the Commission.

Mr. Schneider testified concerning the cost of the Ogilville Tank Project and the need of Petitioner to pay for the restoration costs of the Ogilville Tank Project in 2024. Mr. Schneider testified that Petitioner’s Board reviewed the findings of the PER and judged that the Ogilville Tank issues were of significance and that corrective actions were emergent. He explained that a judgment call was made that delaying corrective actions until 2026-2027 when loans and rate increases could be secured would subject the Petitioner to possible excess tank failure and safety risk.

Mr. Schneider testified concerning the Petitioner’s steps to establish a restricted reserve account for tank inspections, paint, and repair, based on Dixon Engineering’s 20-year assessment of the normal routine and non-routine tank inspection and maintenance requirements.

6. Settlement Agreement and Settlement Testimony. Subsequent to the filing of Petitioner's case-in-chief, the OUCC and Petitioner entered into a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement which was filed with the Commission on November 17, 2025. The Settlement Agreement addresses the Parties' agreements concerning all areas of Petitioner's requested relief in this Cause as well as other matters related to Petitioner's utility service.

A. Kimberly "Darlene" Keller. Ms. Keller testified that the CIP and O&M costs were reasonable and necessary for Petitioner to sustain the viability of the public water supply system on a going forward basis.

Ms. Keller testified that the Settlement Agreement with the OUCC was in the best interests of the ratepayers and will support the funding of an Assistant Superintendent and the GIS Coordinator along with the E&R program and the financing of new indebtedness to fund the CIP.

B. Jason T. Compton. Mr. Compton, Utility Analyst at the OUCC's Water and Wastewater Division, provided testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement reached between Petitioner and the OUCC. Mr. Compton explained that under Petitioner's original proposal, the RD borrowing would result in a 36.84% increase over existing rates and the SRF borrowing would result in a 50.34% increase, but that, as a result of the settlement, the RD borrowing would result in a 32.29% increase over current rates and the SRF borrowing would result in a 42.84% increase.

Mr. Compton explained that the Settlement Agreement accepts Petitioner's adjustments for customer normalization, customer growth, periodic maintenance, and revenue normalization. Mr. Compton testified that the Settlement Agreement resulted in (1) reclassification of \$33,655 of main break repair expenses from O&M to E&R; (2) reduction of \$8,501 of annual master meter expenses in E&R; (3) incorporation of changes to annual bank fee costs and recognition of interest income; (4) decrease to requested salaries and wages expenses; (5) reclassification of \$22,221 of O&M expenses as non-recurring expenses or capital expenditures; (6) updating Petitioner's water tracker revenues and expenses; (7) increase to purchased power expense due to an electric rate increase; (8) increase to test year system delivery expenses because of additional billings; (9) flow through update to Petitioner's IURC fee; (10) removal of Phase II O&M expense changes occurring outside of the 12-month adjustment period; (11) basing rates on debt service and debt service reserve revenue requirements based on reductions to project costs, rate case expense, and over contingency costs; and (12) debt authorization of \$7,696,385 for the RD bond and \$7,390,385 under the SRF bond scenario. Mr. Compton added that the Settlement Agreement accepts Petitioner's proposed adjustment to contractual services for both its GIS coordinator and its periodic maintenance expense for tank maintenance. Mr. Compton further stated that the Settlement Agreement stipulates that Petitioner will place the \$196,878 for periodic maintenance into a restricted account that will ensure Petitioner will have the funds necessary to maintain its tanks on a regular basis. Mr. Compton explained that the Settlement Agreement stipulates that Petitioner will pursue Alternative 1B for its Treatment Plant #1 rather than Alternative 1D as identified in the PER. Mr. Compton explained that the change in the planned project reduces project costs by \$182,000 and reduces some additional contingency expenditures. Mr. Compton further explained that for purposes of calculating the revenue requirement, the Settlement Agreement removes \$80,000 of rate case expense, and \$439,000 for its BABA contingency.

However, Mr. Compton explained that the BABA contingency and rate case expense are still included in the calculation of total financing authority approved by the Settlement Agreement. Mr. Compton noted that the financing authority included in the Settlement Agreement amounts to \$7,696,385 under Petitioner's preferred RD borrowing and \$7,390,385 under the alternative SRF borrowing. Mr. Compton explained that the calculated revenue requirements for either scenario was based on a borrowing of \$7,227,385 from RD and a borrowing of \$6,921,385 from SRF, which will be subject to true-up.

Mr. Compton testified that the provisions accomplished by the Settlement Agreement are in the public interest as they promote certainty, resolve disputed issues, and enable Petitioner to make the investment it requires to continue maintaining its system. Mr. Compton recommended that the Commission find that the Settlement Agreement is in the public interest and approve the Settlement Agreement in its entirety.

7. Commission Discussions and Findings. As the Commission has previously discussed, settlements presented to the Commission are not ordinary contracts between private parties. *U.S. Gypsum, Inc. v. Ind. Gas Co.*, 735 N.E.2d 790, 803 (Ind. 2000). When the Commission approves a settlement, that settlement "loses its status as a strictly private contract and takes on a public interest gloss." *Id.* (quoting *Citizens Action Coalition of Ind., Inc. v. PSI Energy, Inc.* 664 N.E.2d 401, 406 (Ind. Ct. App. 1996)). Thus, the Commission "may not accept a settlement merely because the private parties are satisfied; rather [the Commission] must consider whether the public interest will be served by accepting the settlement." *Citizens Action Coal.*, 664 N.E.2d at 406.

Further, any Commission decision, ruling, or order, including the approval of a settlement, must be supported by specific findings of fact and sufficient evidence. *U.S. Gypsum*, 735 N.E.2d at 795 (citing *Citizens Action Coal. V. Public Service Co.*, 582 NE.2d 330, 331 (Ind. 1991)). The Commission's procedural rules require that settlements be supported by probative evidence. 170 IAC 1-1.1-17(d). Before the Commission can approve the Settlement, the Commission must determine whether the evidence in this Cause sufficiently supports the conclusion that the Settlement Agreement is reasonable, just, and consistent with the purpose of Ind. Code § 8-1-2 *et seq.* and that such agreement serves the public interest.

The Commission has before it substantial evidence from which to determine the reasonableness of the terms of the Settlement Agreement. While only Petitioner presented evidence supporting the relief Petitioner originally requested, the Parties subsequently agreed to a reduced revenue requirement and modified borrowing authority for Petitioner. Petitioner and the OUCC presented evidence demonstrating the reasonableness of the agreed borrowing authority and the revenue requirements. Mr. Compton discussed and analyzed the agreed revenue and expense adjustments, and the agreed borrowing and borrowing terms. Mr. Compton offered numerous schedules to explain and support his analysis of and support for the Settlement Agreement. He also testified that the Settlement Agreement represents a compromise and is fair, reasonable, and beneficial to Petitioner and its customers. Ms. Keller testified in support of the Settlement Agreement as an expeditious path to reasonable borrowing terms to facilitate Petitioner's several much-needed capital improvement projects. She also stated the Settlement Agreement was in the best interest of both Petitioner and its customers.

We find the Parties' agreements are supported by the detail and reasoning set forth in their evidence. Based on the evidence presented, we find the rate increase the Parties agreed upon as set forth in the Settlement Agreement provides Petitioner with sufficient revenue to pay its reasonable and necessary expenses and provide reliable water service to its customers consistent with Ind. Code § 8-1-2-125. We further find the borrowing authority and related terms agreed to by the Parties as set forth in the Settlement Agreement are reasonable, appropriate, and comply with Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-76 through -80, -83 and Ind. Code § 8-1-4-1. Accordingly, we find the Settlement Agreement is reasonable, in the public interest, and is approved.

Specifically, we find:

A. Petitioner's Borrowing Authority. The agreed borrowing authority for Petitioner was set forth in the Settlement Agreement, as follows:

1. Satisfaction of Statutory Requirements and Purpose of Borrowing. Petitioner's proposed long-term borrowing and encumbrance of its utility property as agreed upon by the Parties in the Settlement Agreement complies with, and satisfies, the applicable financing related requirements of Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-76 to -80, inclusive, -83 and Ind. Code § 8-1-4-1. Specifically, Petitioner's proposed CIP as modified in the Settlement Agreement, is necessary for Petitioner to provide reasonably adequate service, and the projected costs of the CIP are reasonable. The evidence demonstrates Petitioner does not have the funds on hand to pay for the CIP. The proposed borrowing is reasonable and necessary to accomplish the CIP, pay CIP related costs, pay legal and professional fees and for the reimbursement of system repair costs. The total amount of borrowing approved herein, including Petitioner's previous debt, complies with Ind. Code § 8-1-4-1.

2. Borrowing Source, Authorized Amount and Interest Rate. Petitioner is authorized to engage in long-term borrowing through either RD or, alternatively, SRF, depending on the availability of such financing options, not to exceed \$7,696,385 in aggregate principal amount if borrowed from RD at an interest rate not to exceed eight percent or not to exceed \$7,390,385 in aggregate principal amount if borrowed from SRF at an interest rate not to exceed eight percent for the purpose of funding Petitioner's CIP and associated costs.

3. Authorization. Petitioner is authorized to execute and issue long-term bonds, notes, and other evidence of long-term debt, to encumber its franchise, works, and system in connection with the borrowing authorized herein, and to execute documents related to that encumbrance. Petitioner is issued a certificate of authority to issue the long-term debt authorized herein, and this Order constitutes Petitioner's certificate of authority to issue the long-term debt authorized herein.

4. Parties' Additional Debt Related Agreements. The Commission finds that the Additional Debt Related Agreements set forth in Paragraph A.4. of the Settlement Agreement, specifically, Paragraph A.4.A. captioned "Debt Authorization, Debt Service"; Paragraph A.4.B. captioned "Report in Advance of Loan Closing"; Paragraph A.4.C. captioned "Expiration of Borrowing Authority"; Paragraph A.4.D captioned "Report of Borrowing and True-Up Procedure"; and, Paragraph A.4.E captioned "Adjustment of the Debt Service Reserve

and the Debt Service Revenue Requirement” are reasonable, in the public interest and are approved.

B. Petitioner’s Rate Increase. The Commission finds as follows:

1. Petitioner’s Test Year Operating Revenue and Revenue Requirement. Petitioner’s current rates and charges which provide annual adjusted revenues of \$2,224,750 are insufficient to satisfy Petitioner’s annual pro forma adjusted revenue requirement and Petitioner’s current rates are, therefore, unjust and unreasonable. Accordingly, Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges for water service, across-the-board, as set forth below.

2. Petitioner’s Rate Increases. Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges for water service, across-the-board, subject to any decrease or increase in rates and charges required by the operation of the True Up herein, in two phases, as follows:

A. Phase I Rate Increase. In Phase I, Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 14.14% for an annual net revenue increase of \$314,505 over \$2,224,750 to produce \$2,539,255 in annual operating revenue. Petitioner’s Phase I rates and charges will be initiated by Petitioner filing a Phase I tariff, which Petitioner is authorized to do immediately upon the issuance of this Order.

B. Phase II Rate Increase. Petitioner’s Phase II rates and charges will be initiated by Petitioner filing a Phase II tariff, which complies with Settlement Agreement Section B.2.B. Petitioner will either borrow from RD (Settlement Agreement Section B.2.B.1) or SRF (Settlement Agreement Section B.2.B.2). If Petitioner secures borrowing from RD, Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 15.90% for an annual net revenue increase of \$403,810, over its Phase I operating revenues, to produce \$2,943,065 in annual operating revenues. If Petitioner pursues borrowing from SRF, Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 25.15%, over its Phase I operating revenues, to produce \$3,177,923 in annual operating revenues. Petitioner’s Phase II rates should not be initiated more than thirty days prior to the scheduled closing on the debt approved herein.

C. Other Agreements of the Parties. The Settlement Agreement requires Petitioner to create and maintain a dedicated restricted account for funds collected for storage tank inspection and maintenance. Petitioner shall deposit all funds collected for that purpose into the account. Petitioner should annually deposit no less than \$196,878 into the Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance Account. The funds in this account shall be restricted to use for tank maintenance (tank inspection, repair, painting, etc.) except, however, funds in this restricted account may be used to pay debt service when due if other funds are not available for the payment of debt service. The Parties’ agreements set forth in Paragraph C of the Settlement Agreement regarding the requirements to create, fund, maintain and use the dedicated restricted account for storage tank inspection and maintenance are appropriate, reasonable, and are approved.

8. Effect of Rate Increase on Residential Customers. Based on the rate increases approved herein, the effect on residential customers (taking service from 5/8 inch meters) is:

A. Phase I Increase. The Minimum Charge, which includes 3,000 gallons of usage, will increase by \$5.41 from \$38.28 to \$43.69; For 4,000 gallons of usage, the increase will be \$7.09, from \$50.16 to \$57.25; and, For 5,000 gallons of usage, the increase will be \$8.77, from \$62.04 to \$70.81.

B. Phase II Increase.

1. RD Borrowing Alternative (above Phase I increase). The Minimum Charge, which includes 3,000 gallons of usage, will increase by \$6.95 from \$43.69 to \$50.64; For 4,000 gallons of usage, the increase will be \$9.11, from \$57.25 to \$66.36; and, for 5,000 gallons of usage, the increase will be \$11.27, from \$70.81 to \$82.08.

2. SRF Borrowing Alternative (above Phase I increase). The Minimum Charge, which includes 3,000 gallons of usage, will increase by \$10.99 from \$43.69 to \$54.68; For 4,000 gallons of usage, the increase will be \$14.40, from \$57.25 to \$71.65; and, for 5,000 gallons of usage, the increase will be \$17.81, from \$70.81 to \$88.62.

9. Use of Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement should not be used as precedent in any other proceeding or for any other purpose, except to the extent necessary to implement or enforce its terms. Consequently, with regard to future citation of the Settlement Agreement, we find that our approval herein should be construed in a manner consistent with our finding in *Richmond Power & Light*, Cause No. 40434, (IURC March 19, 1997).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. The Settlement Agreement, a copy of which is attached, is approved.

2. Petitioner is authorized to incur long-term debt, with either RD in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,696,385 at an interest rate not to exceed eight percent, or, alternatively, with the SRF in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,390,385 at an interest rate not to exceed eight percent, depending on the availability of such financing options to Petitioner, for the purposes of funding Petitioner's CIP and other costs described herein.

3. Petitioner shall be authorized to increase its rates and charges for water service, across-the-board, in two Phases as follows:

A. Petitioner is authorized to implement the Phase I increase, so as to produce annual revenues of \$2,539,255, which is an increase of \$314,505, over annual adjusted present rate revenues of \$2,224,750; and,

B. If Petitioner pursues the RD borrowing alternative, Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 15.90%, for an annual net revenue increase of \$403,810 over Phase I revenues subject to increase, so as to produce \$2,943,065 in annual operating revenues. Alternatively, if Petitioner pursues the SRF borrowing alternative, Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 25.15%, for an annual net revenue increase of \$638,668 over Phase I revenues subject to increase, so as to produce \$3,177,924 in annual operating revenues.

4. Prior to implementing the rates authorized in this Order, Petitioner shall file new rate schedules under this Cause for approval by the Commission's Water and Wastewater Division. The Phase I rates and charges shall be effective for Petitioner's services rendered on and after the date of this Order, subject to the Water/Wastewater Division's review and agreement with the amounts reflected. The Phase II rates schedules shall be effective upon Petitioner's filing of its Phase II Tariff, subject to review and approval by the Water/Wastewater Division.

5. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

ZAY, DEIG, VELETA, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; SWINGER NOT PARTICIPATING:

APPROVED: FEB 18 2026

**I hereby certified that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

**Dana Kosco
Secretary of the Commission**

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AND SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH)
SUCH BORROWING, (3) FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO ISSUE)
LONG TERM DEBT, (4) FOR AUTHORITY)
TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES)
FOR WATER SERVICE, (5) FOR APPROVAL)
OF A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND)
CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE)

SUBMISSION OF STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Comes now Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation (“Petitioner”), by counsel,
and Submits the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement entered into by Petitioner and the Indiana
Office of Utility Consumer Counselor in this Cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Verified Petition was served this 17th day of November 2025, by electronic mail and/or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, upon the following counsel of record:

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**STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF	)	
SOUTHWESTERN BARTHOLOMEW	)	
WATER CORPORATION OF COLUMBUS,	)	
INDIANA, FOR APPROVAL OF (1) THE	)	
ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM	)	
BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER EVIDENCE	)	
OF INDEBTEDNESS, (2) FOR AUTHORITY	)	
TO ENCUMBER ITS FRANCHISE, WORKS	)	CAUSE NO: 46269
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STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. Southwestern Bartholomew County Water, Inc. (“Petitioner” or “SWBWC”) and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”) (collectively, the “Settling Parties” or “Parties”)) respectfully request the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) to approve this Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (“Stipulation” or “Settlement Agreement”). The Settling Parties agree that the terms and conditions set forth below represent a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues described herein, subject to incorporation into a final order of the Commission, which approves this Stipulation without any modification or condition that is not acceptable to the Settling Parties.

2. Since the time of Petitioner’s filing of its case-in-chief in this Cause, the OUCC has conducted discovery and had many informal discussions with Petitioner’s representatives. The parties then engaged in discussions to address items the OUCC identified as their primary issues in this Cause. The discussions among the Settling

Parties formed the basis for the Settling Parties to reach agreement on the terms reflected in this Stipulation. A basic component of each party's willingness to enter into this agreement is the overall result that is achieved hereby. The Settling Parties have agreed to concessions on individual issues to which the Settling Parties would not be willing to agree but for the overall result produced by this Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. In other words, each party is agreeing to forego or compromise on positions on individual issues in exchange for the overall result produced collectively by all of the concessions. As set forth below and in Settlement Attachment A (Settlement Schedules), the Parties have negotiated terms that resolve all issues in this proceeding. In all cases, the agreed upon terms are founded upon the evidence filed in this proceeding, including Settlement Testimony that the Settling Parties have agreed each of them will file in support of this Stipulation.

3. The impact on Petitioner's revenue requirement and the relief requested in this case is reflected more fully in the Settlement Schedules as Settlement Attachment A attached hereto. All issues not specifically addressed in the enumerated paragraphs below are as presented in Petitioner's case-in-chief and reflected in Settlement Attachment A which is incorporated herein by reference.

4. For purposes of settlement, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree as follows:

A. Petitioner's Financing.

1. **Petitioner's Capital Improvement Program.** Petitioner proposes to undertake, install and implement its Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") as detailed in Petitioner's case-in-chief. Petitioner agrees that within its CIP, it will complete Water Treatment Plant Project 1B in lieu of Project 1D.

The Parties stipulate and agree the CIP is necessary for Petitioner to provide reasonably adequate service. The Parties also stipulate and agree that the Petitioner does not have the funds on hand to pay for the CIP and the proposed borrowing is a reasonable method to fund the CIP.

2. Compliance with IC 8-1-4-1. The Parties stipulate and agree that the approval of Petitioner's proposed borrowing complies with the requirements of IC 8-1-4-1.

3. Borrowing Authorization. Petitioner would prefer to finance its CIP with a Rural Development ("RD") borrowing. However, given the uncertainty as to the timing and availability of RD funds, the Parties stipulate and agree that Petitioner should also be authorized to, alternatively, borrow funds from the Rural Development or the State Revolving Fund ("SRF") to fund its CIP.

The Parties stipulate and agree that Petitioner shall be authorized to engage in long term borrowing and issue long term debt: if from RD, not to exceed \$7,696,385 in aggregate principal amount, subject to the True Up provision herein, at an interest rate not to exceed 8.0%; or, alternatively, if from SRF, not to exceed \$7,390,385 in aggregate principal amount, subject to the True Up provision herein, at an interest rate not to exceed 8.0%.

The Parties stipulate and agree that the purpose of the authorized borrowing is to fund: the Construction, Construction Contingency, and Non-Construction costs of Petitioner's CIP, and any related CIP costs, and the reimbursement of system repair costs, and the payment of legal and professional fees and debt issuance costs, all not to exceed the aggregate principal amounts, as set forth above. The Parties further stipulate and agree that Petitioner shall be authorized to encumber its utility franchise, works and system in conjunction with the authorized borrowing and, to issue and execute documents related thereto. Finally, the Parties stipulate and agree that Petitioner shall be issued a certificate of authority to issue the long-term debt as described herein.

The Commission Order in this Cause will be the sole evidence of Petitioner's certificate of borrowing authority.

4. Additional Debt Related Agreements.

A. Debt Authorization, Debt Service, and Debt Service Reserve: The Settling Parties agree that the items proposed to be funded by debt financing will be financed by a debt issuance (debt authorization) in the amount of \$7,696,385 for a Rural Development Loan, or, alternatively, \$7,390,385 for a SRF Loan. Debt service (“DS”) and debt service reserve (“DSR”) revenue requirements for new debt as seen below, as based upon a particular borrowing source, and are based upon lower anticipated borrowing amounts of \$7,227,385 (RD) and \$6,921,385 (SRF), respectively, resulting from an anticipated reduction in BABA expenses and rate case expense, subject to the True Up herein. on borrowing source. The debt service revenue requirement is based on a five-year average of costs, with interest only in year one blended with ongoing costs in years 2-5.

Rural Development Loan
\$365,244.79 Annual Payments
\$37,976.50 Annual DSR

SRF Loan
\$524,033.20 Annual Payments
\$113,704.84 Annual DSR

B. Report in Advance of Loan Closing. The Parties stipulate and agree that Petitioner shall file a report no more than thirty (30) days prior to the closing of its debt issuance disclosing and explaining the lender, the terms of the new loan, the actual balance borrowed, the amount of debt service required and debt service reserve required, bid tabulations, and an itemized account of all issuance costs (such as bond counsel, rate consultant, and BABA costs), including issuance costs actually incurred to that date. The report should include a revised tariff (Phase II Tariff),

amortization schedule and a calculation of the rate impact in a manner similar to the OUCC's schedules. The report should be filed with the Commission and served on all Parties.

C. Expiration of Borrowing Authority. The Parties stipulate and agree that any of Petitioner's borrowing authority approved by the Commission in this Cause, unused by Petitioner will expire on December 31, 2027.

D. Report of Borrowing and True-Up Procedure. The Parties acknowledge that the actual amount of Petitioner's debt issuance, interest rate, issuance costs, annual debt service and the required debt service reserve will not be known until Petitioner accomplishes its financing. Because the amounts of these several variables pertinent to Petitioner's proposed financing set forth in Petitioner's evidence are necessarily estimates, a reconciliation, or true-up, is required after the financing is accomplished and the relevant amounts are known with certainty. In recognition of this uncertainty, the Parties stipulate and agree to the following procedure to be operative after the completion of Petitioner's long-term debt issuance:

Petitioner shall file a report of its borrowing ("True-Up Report") with the Commission, serving a copy on the OUCC, within thirty (30) days after the final completion of Petitioner's long-term debt issuance. The True-Up Report should set forth the actual principal amount of Petitioner's debt issuance, the interest rate, the actual non-construction cost, the average annual debt service requirement, the amount of any required debt service reserve and the impact of any differences between the actual debt issuance results and the debt service estimates (including debt service reserve) will have on Petitioner's rates and charges or its tariff. In the event any difference would require a modification to Petitioner's rates and charges (either an increase or a decrease), along with its True-Up Report Petitioner shall file an amended tariff implementing that modification, or modifications. Within twenty-one (21) days of the filing of Petitioner's

True-Up Report, the OUCC may file an objection to the True-Up Report, setting forth the basis of the objection. In the event of an SRF borrowing only, this true-up should also include the anticipated reduction in rates, including both the approximate date and approximate amount of the reduction, once the debt service reserve is fully funded as discussed in Section A.4.E below.

In the event of an objection, either Party may request a hearing and seek to re-open the record in this Cause. The hearing should be limited to the issue of the appropriate modification to Petitioner's rates and charges based upon the actual results of Petitioner's debt issuance set forth in Petitioner's True-Up Report.

If both the OUCC and Petitioner indicate in a writing to the Commission that the increase or decrease indicated by the report need not occur because the increase or decrease would be immaterial, the true-up need not be implemented. In the event that a True-Up modification to Petitioner's rates and charges is done, the amended tariff reflecting the True-Up modification will become effective, and apply to consumption, at the start of the first billing cycle following its approval by the Commission's Water/Wastewater Division.

E. Adjustment of the Debt Service Reserve and Debt Service Revenue

Requirements (Only for SRF Borrowings). Approximately five (5) years after the loan closing it is expected there will be a significant reduction in Petitioner's financing cost since the debt service reserve will be fully funded. The Parties agree that if the rates authorized herein are to continue beyond the expected life of the rates (five years), rates should be adjusted to reflect the then current and ongoing debt service costs and the elimination of the need to fund Petitioner's debt service reserve. The Parties agree that after Petitioner's debt service reserve has been fully funded, Petitioner's annual rates should be reduced to reflect the removal of the debt service reserve revenue requirement. In addition, because the debt service revenue requirement was based on a five-year average that included one year of interest only debt service, if rates are in

place beyond the expected life of the rates, Petitioner's debt service revenue requirement will result in an under collection of debt service. To prevent this under collection, the elimination of debt service reserve from the revenue requirement will be accompanied by a contemporaneous increase in the debt service revenue requirement, resulting in a combined net annual decrease in revenue requirement of approximately \$69,000, subject to adjustment based on the actual cost of debt as reflected in the true-up report. The net effect of the foregoing is that after Petitioner's debt service reserve has been fully funded (i.e., after five years of rates), Petitioner's debt service reserve revenue requirement shall be eliminated and its debt service revenue requirement shall be increased to the actual annual expense. Within thirty (30) days of the time that its debt service reserve has been fully funded, Petitioner shall file an amended tariff reducing its annual rates in accordance with this Stipulation . The amended tariff will become effective, and apply to consumption, at the start of the first billing cycle following its approval by the Commission's Water/Wastewater Division.

B. Petitioner's Rate Increase.

1. Petitioner's Test Year Operating Revenue and Revenue Requirement. The Parties stipulate and agree that Petitioner's current rates and charges which provide annual adjusted revenues of \$2,224,750 are insufficient to satisfy Petitioner's annual pro forma adjusted revenue requirement and Petitioner's current rates are, therefore, unjust and unreasonable.

2. Petitioner's Rate Increases. The Parties further stipulate and agree that Petitioner shall be authorized to increase its rates and charges for water service, across-the-board, subject to any decrease or increase in rates and charges required by the operation of the True Up herein, in two (2) phases, as follows:

A. Phase I Rate Increase. In Phase I Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by \$314,505 which is a 14.14% increase over \$2,224,750, so as to produce \$2,539,256 in annual operating revenue, to become effective when the Commission issues an order in this Cause.

B. Phase II Rate Increase. Petitioner's Phase II rates and charges will be initiated by Petitioner filing a Phase II tariff, which complies with either Section B, 2, B,1or, alternatively, Section B, 2, B, 2, herein, with the Commission. Petitioner's Phase II rates should not be initiated more than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled closing on the debt approved herein.

1. (Rural Development Borrowing Alternative.) In Phase II, if Petitioner pursues the Rural Development Borrowing Alternative. Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by \$403,810, or 15.90%, over the Phase I rates and charges, so as to produce \$2,943,066 in annual operating revenues.

Or, alternatively,

2. (State Revolving Fund Borrowing Alternative.) In Phase II, if Petitioner pursues the State Revolving Fund Borrowing Alternative, Petitioner is authorized to increase its rates and charges by \$638,668, or 25.15%, over the Phase I rates and charges, so as to produce \$3,177,924 in annual operating revenues.

C. Other Agreements of the Parties.

Fund for Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance. The Parties stipulate and agree as follows: Petitioner shall create and maintain a dedicated restricted account for funds

collected for Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance. Petitioner shall deposit all funds collected for that purpose into the account. Petitioner should annually deposit no less than \$196,878 into the Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance Account. The funds in this account shall be restricted to use for tank maintenance (tank inspection, repair, painting, etc.) except, however, funds in this restricted account may be used to pay debt service when due if other funds are not available for the payment of debt service.

D. The Settlement and Use of the Settlement.

1. The Settlement. The Parties shall support this Settlement before the Commission and request that the Commission expeditiously accept and approve the Settlement. If the Settlement is not approved by the Commission without amendment, the Parties agree that the terms thereof shall not be admissible in evidence or in any way discussed in any proceeding. Further, the concurrence of the Parties with the terms of the Settlement is expressly predicated upon the Commission's approval of the Settlement without amendment. If the Commission alters the Settlement in any material way or imposes any additional obligations on Petitioner, the Settlement shall be deemed withdrawn unless that alteration is unanimously consented to by the Parties in writing. If the Settlement is withdrawn, an informal attorneys' conference will be promptly requested wherein a procedural schedule will be fixed for the processing of the balance of this Cause. The Parties expressly reserve all of their rights, including the right to present any appropriate evidence, in the event this Cause is required to be litigated.

The Petitioner has prefiled its direct testimony and the Parties have prefiled testimony in support of this Settlement, all of which shall be offered into evidence without objection and the Parties hereby waive cross-examination. The Parties agree that

Petitioner's direct evidence and the Parties' evidence in support of this Settlement constitutes substantial evidence to support this Settlement and provides an adequate evidentiary basis upon which the Commission can make any findings of fact or conclusions of law necessary for the approval of this Settlement, as filed. The Parties shall prepare and file an agreed proposed order with the Commission as soon as possible after the hearing in this Cause.

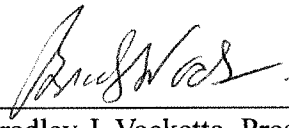
2. Use of the Settlement. If the Settlement is approved by the Commission the Parties agree that the terms of the Settlement are intended to represent a resolution by compromise of the issues in this Cause. The Parties further agree that the provisions of the Settlement may never be deemed an admission by any of the Parties, may never be used as substantive precedent in future Commission proceedings and may never be used against any of the Parties for any purpose, including but not limited to any subsequent regulatory or other Commission proceedings, except to the extent necessary to enforce the Settlement. The Parties stipulate and agree that the Settlement is solely the result of compromise in the settlement process and, except as provided herein, is without prejudice to and shall not constitute a waiver of any position that either of the Parties may take with respect to any issue or item whether or not resolved herein, in any future regulatory or other proceeding.

The Settling Parties will either support or not oppose on rehearing, reconsideration and/or appeal, an IURC Order accepting and approving this Stipulation in accordance with its terms.

E. Authority to Execute.

The undersigned have represented and agreed that they are fully authorized to execute this Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the designated Parties who will be bound thereby.

SOUTHWESTERN BARTHOLOMEW WATER
CORPORATION

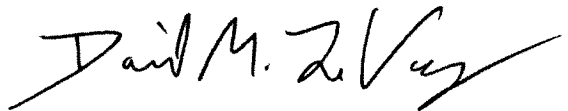
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Date: 11/17/2025

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By: 
Michael Foushee, Secretary

INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER
COUNSELOR


By: _____
Daniel M. Le Vay, Senior Deputy Consumer
Counselor

Date: November 17, 2025

SETTLEMENT ATTACHMENT A
SETTLEMENT SCHEDULES

CAUSE NUMBER 46269

Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

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Settlement Schedules and Workpapers (Excel Version)

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation
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**Comparison of Petitioner's and Settlement's
Revenue Requirements**

	Alternative 1: Overall - Rural Development Loan				Alternative 2: Overall - SRF Loan			
	Per Petitioner	Per Settlement	Sch Ref	Settlement More (Less)	Per Petitioner	Per Settlement	Sch Ref	Settlement More (Less)
1 Operating Expenses	\$ 1,962,113	\$ 1,909,460	4	\$ (52,653)	\$ 1,962,113	\$ 1,909,460	4	\$ (52,653)
2 Taxes other than Income	37,333	36,777	4	(556)	37,333	36,777	4	(556)
3 Extensions and Replacements	325,341	350,495	7	25,154	325,341	350,495	7	25,154
4 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	8	-	-	-	8	-
5 Working Capital	-	-	9	-	-	-	9	-
6 Capital Improvement Projects	20,434	-		(20,434)	20,434	-		(20,434)
7 Proposed Debt Service	414,436	365,245	10	(49,191)	629,880	524,033	10	(105,847)
8 Proposed Debt Service Reserve	41,444	37,977	11	(3,468)	125,976	113,705	11	(12,271)
9 Existing Debt Service	271,968	271,968	10	-	271,968	271,968	10	-
10 Existing Debt Service Reserve	8,935	8,935	11	-	8,935	8,935	11	-
11 Total Revenue Requirements	3,082,004	2,980,856		(101,148)	3,381,980	3,215,373		(166,607)
12 Less Revenue Requirement Offsets:								
13 Interest Income	-	(11,241)	3	(11,241)	-	(11,241)	3	(11,241)
14 Other Income	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
15 Miscellaneous Revenues	-	-		-	-	-		-
16 Net Revenue Requirement	3,082,004	2,969,615		(112,389)	3,381,980	3,204,132		(177,848)
17 Less: Revenues at current rates subject to increase	(2,225,161)	(2,224,750)	4	411	(2,225,161)	(2,224,750)	4	411
18 Other revenues not subject to increase	(37,761)	(27,595)	4	10,166	(37,761)	(27,595)	4	10,166
19 Net Revenue Increase Required	819,082	717,270		(101,812)	1,119,057	951,786		(167,272)
20 Add: Additional IURC Fees	714	1,046		332	1,164	1,388		224
21 Recommended Increase	\$ 819,795	\$ 718,316		\$ (101,480)	\$ 1,120,221	\$ 953,174		\$ (167,048)
22 Recommended Percentage Increase	36.84%	32.29%		-4.55%	50.34%	42.84%		-7.50%
23	Proposed - USDA RD Loan				Proposed - SRF Loan			
24 <u>Current Rate for 4,000 Gallons</u>	Petitioner	Settlement		Settlement More (Less)	Petitioner	Settlement		Settlement More (Less)
25 Current Rate = \$50.44	\$ 69.02	\$ 66.73		\$ (2.30)	\$ 75.83	\$ 72.05		\$ (3.78)

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation
CAUSE NUMBER 46269

Reconciliation of Net Operating Income Statement Adjustments
Pro-forma Present Rates

	<u>Per Petitioner</u>	<u>Per Settlement</u>	<u>Settlement More (Less)</u>
1 Operating Revenues			
2 Test Year Normalization	\$ 6,283	\$ 6,283	\$ -
3 Post Test Year Growth	8,394	8,394	-
4 Test Year Purchased Water Normalization	5,622	5,622	-
5 Water Tracker Revenues	122,985	112,547	(10,438)
6 Late Fees	70	70	-
7 Total Operating Revenues	<u>143,354</u>	<u>132,916</u>	<u>(10,438)</u>
8 O&M Expense			
9 Non-Recurring & Capital Expenses	(13,581)	(22,221)	(8,640)
10 Purchased Power - System Delivery	194	176	(18)
11 Plant Purchased Power - Duke Increase	-	1,110	1,110
12 Office Purchased Power - Duke Increase	-	1,028	1,028
13 Salaries & Wages	72,613	65,341	(7,272)
14 Retirement Benefits	5,977	5,759	(218)
15 Insurance Benefits	25,557	25,557	-
16 General Liability Insurance	(2,399)	(2,399)	-
17 GIS Coordinator Contract	34,469	34,469	-
18 Periodic Tank Maintenance & Inspections	196,878	196,878	-
19 IURC Fee	355	166	(189)
20 Postage Expense - System Delivery	208	174	(34)
21 Bank Fees	-	5,480	5,480
22 Reclassify Main Breaks to E&R	-	(33,655)	(33,655)
23 Purchased Water - Water Tracker	122,985	112,547	(10,438)
24 Purchased Water - Growth Adjs	2,878	3,071	193
25 Purchased Water - Normalization	5,622	5,622	-
26 Depreciation Expense	(55,071)	(55,071)	-
27 Amortization Expense	-	-	-
28 Payroll Taxes	5,555	4,999	(556)
29 Total Operating Expenses	<u>402,240</u>	<u>349,031</u>	<u>(53,209)</u>
30 Net Operating Income	<u>\$ (258,886)</u>	<u>\$ (216,115)</u>	<u>\$ 42,771</u>

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation
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**Comparison of Petitioner's and Settlement's
Revenue Requirements**

	Phase I				Alternative 1: Phase II - Rural Development Loan				Alternative 2: Phase II - SRF Loan			
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14 Other Income	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
15 Miscellaneous Revenues	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-		-
16 Net Revenue Requirement	2,605,690	2,566,394		(39,296)	3,082,004	2,969,615		(112,389)	3,381,980	3,204,132		(177,848)
17 Less: Revenues at current rates subject to increase	(2,225,161)	(2,224,750)	4	411	(2,568,442)	(2,539,255)	4	29,187	(2,568,442)	(2,539,255)	4	29,187
18 Other revenues not subject to increase	(37,761)	(27,595)	4	10,166	(37,761)	(27,595)	4	10,166	(37,761)	(27,595)	4	10,166
19 Net Revenue Increase Required	342,768	314,047		(28,720)	475,801	402,764		(73,036)	775,777	637,280		(138,496)
20 Add: Additional IURC Fee	514	458		(56)	714	1,046		332	1,164	1,387		223
21 Recommended Increase	<u>\$ 343,281</u>	<u>\$ 314,505</u>		<u>\$ (28,776)</u>	<u>\$ 476,515</u>	<u>\$ 403,810</u>		<u>\$ (72,704)</u>	<u>\$ 776,941</u>	<u>\$ 638,668</u>		<u>\$ (138,272)</u>
22 Recommended Percentage Increase	<u>15.43%</u>	<u>14.14%</u>		<u>-1.29%</u>	<u>18.55%</u>	<u>15.90%</u>		<u>-2.65%</u>	<u>30.25%</u>	<u>25.15%</u>		<u>-5.10%</u>

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31,

	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1	Utility Plant:			
2	Utility Plant in Service	\$ 13,499,668	\$ 12,631,235	\$ 12,345,299
3	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,950,978)</u>	<u>(4,705,402)</u>	<u>(4,429,041)</u>
4	Net Utility Plant in Service	<u>8,548,690</u>	<u>7,925,833</u>	<u>7,916,258</u>
5	Restricted Assets:			
6	Debt Service Reserve - Rural Development	<u>222,909</u>	<u>213,974</u>	<u>242,621</u>
7	Total Restricted Assets	<u>222,909</u>	<u>213,974</u>	<u>242,621</u>
8	Current Assets:			
9	Cash and Cash Equivalents	124	100	100
10	Working Funds	220,455	339,194	304,072
11	Temporary Cash Investments	249,493	423,196	330,143
12	Customer Accounts Receivable	272,516	244,572	253,200
13	Provision for Uncollectible Accounts	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
14	Materials and Supplies	<u>84,544</u>	<u>70,278</u>	<u>59,954</u>
15	Total Current Assets	<u>822,132</u>	<u>1,072,340</u>	<u>942,469</u>
16	Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 9,593,731</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,212,147</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,101,348</u></u>

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2024

	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1	Equity			
2	Retained Earnings	\$ 1,836,244	\$ 1,714,020	\$ 1,643,634
3	Paid in Capital	159,750	159,050	157,550
4	Total Equity	<u>1,995,994</u>	<u>1,873,070</u>	<u>1,801,184</u>
5	Contributions in Aid of Construction			
6	Contributions in Aid of Construction, net	<u>2,728,836</u>	<u>2,666,673</u>	<u>2,519,304</u>
7	Net Contributions-in-aid of Construction	<u>2,728,836</u>	<u>2,666,673</u>	<u>2,519,304</u>
8	Long-term Debt			
9	Bonds Payable - RD #1 6/26/03 - 6/26/43	807,815	821,606	857,137
10	Bonds Payable - RD #2 12/08/09-12/09/49	1,526,152	1,528,891	1,571,129
11	Bonds Payable - RD #3 6/24/20 - 6/24/60	<u>2,112,159</u>	<u>2,130,918</u>	<u>2,169,168</u>
12	Total Long-term Debt	<u>4,446,126</u>	<u>4,481,415</u>	<u>4,597,434</u>
13	Current Liabilities			
14	Accounts Payable	364,292	55,962	50,348
15	Notes Payable	35,282	116,013	111,759
16	Customer Deposits	250	250	250
17	Accrued Interest Payable	5,411	5,556	5,698
18	Accrued Taxes Payable	<u>17,540</u>	<u>13,210</u>	<u>15,371</u>
19	Total Current Liabilities	<u>422,775</u>	<u>190,991</u>	<u>183,426</u>
20	Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,593,731</u>	<u>\$ 9,212,147</u>	<u>\$ 9,101,348</u>

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation
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COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT
Twelve Months Ended December 31,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1 Operating Revenues			
2 Water Sales			
3 Residential	2,029,609	1,938,393	1,864,524
4 Commercial	38,039	35,532	35,205
5 Public Authority	14,229	14,932	12,630
6 Late Payment Fees	9,957	10,283	9,324
7 Miscellaneous Service Revenues	27,595	20,524	13,043
8 Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,119,429</u>	<u>2,019,664</u>	<u>1,934,726</u>
9 Operating Expenses			
10 Salaries and Wages - Employees	368,869	329,720	304,828
11 Salaries and Wages - Directors	11,682	7,049	2,357
12 Employee Benefits	111,503	105,294	85,590
13 Purchased Water	415,124	352,112	302,978
14 Purchased Power	29,118	23,485	29,444
15 Chemicals	88,462	74,203	78,111
16 Materials and Supplies	274,236	325,082	283,051
17 Contractual Services			
18 Accounting	38,979	33,983	30,614
19 Engineering	12,150	66,855	21,734
20 Legal	1,770	4,256	835
21 Testing	91,743	95,872	101,033
22 Transportation Expense	14,485	10,917	12,651
23 Insurance			
24 Vehicle	2,310	-	1,699
25 General Liability	19,092	20,092	17,202
26 Workers' Compensation	5,108	2,299	4,654
27 Other	350	200	441
28 Regulatory Expense	2,983	2,807	2,101
29 Bad Debt Expense			2,000
30 Miscellaneous Expense	22,393	18,162	11,693
31 Total O&M Expense	<u>1,510,357</u>	<u>1,472,388</u>	<u>1,293,016</u>

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COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT
Twelve Months Ended December 31,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
32 Depreciation Expense	264,474	279,925	268,858
33 Payroll Taxes	31,778	25,756	26,679
34 Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,806,609</u>	<u>1,778,069</u>	<u>1,588,553</u>
35 Net Operating Income	312,820	241,595	346,173
36 Other Income: (Expenses):			
37 Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	(26,345)	(11,336)	(12,059)
38 Non-Utility Income	139	188	67
39 Total Other Income (Expenses)	<u>(26,206)</u>	<u>(11,148)</u>	<u>(11,992)</u>
40 Interest Expense			
41 Interest Expense	<u>164,389</u>	<u>160,061</u>	<u>162,122</u>
42 Total Other Income (Expense)	<u>164,389</u>	<u>160,061</u>	<u>162,122</u>
43 Net Income	<u>\$ 122,225</u>	<u>\$ 70,386</u>	<u>\$ 172,059</u>

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Pro Forma Net Operating Income Statement

	Phase I						Phase II - RD Borrowing					Phase II - SRF Borrowing				
	Test Year	Adjustments	Sch Ref	Pro Forma	Adjustments	Pro Forma	Adjustments	Sch Ref	Pro Forma	Adjustments	Pro Forma	Adjustments	Sch Ref	Pro Forma	Adjustments	Pro Forma
	Ended 31-Dec-24			Present Rates		Phase I Rates			Phase I Rates		Phase II Rates			Phase I Rates		Phase II Rates
1 Operating Revenues																
2 Water Sales																
3 Residential	\$ 2,029,609			\$ 2,162,455	\$ 305,699	\$ 2,468,154			\$ 2,468,154	\$ 392,503	\$ 2,860,657			\$ 2,468,154	\$ 627,361	\$ 3,095,515
4 Customer Normalization		\$ 6,283	PET													
5 Customer Growth		8,394	PET													
6 Revenue Normalization		5,622	PET													
7 Water Tracker Revenues		112,547	5-1													
8 Commercial	38,039			38,039	5,377	43,416			43,416	6,904	50,320			43,416	6,904	50,320
9 Industrial	-			-	-	-			-	-	-			-	-	-
10 Public Authority	14,229			14,229	2,012	16,241			16,241	2,583	18,824			16,241	2,583	18,824
11 Multi-Family	-			-	-	-			-	-	-			-	-	-
12 Irrigation	-			-	-	-			-	-	-			-	-	-
13 Fire Protection	-			-	-	-			-	-	-			-	-	-
14 Public	-			-	-	-			-	-	-			-	-	-
15 Private	-			-	-	-			-	-	-			-	-	-
16 Late Payment Fees	9,957	70	PET	10,027	1,417	11,444			11,444	1,820	13,264			11,444	1,820	13,264
17 Other Water Revenues	27,595			27,595		27,595			27,595		27,595			27,595		27,595
18 Total Operating Revenues	2,119,429	132,916		2,252,345	314,505	2,566,850	-		2,566,850	403,810	2,970,660	-		2,566,850	638,668	3,205,518
19 O&M Expense																
20 Salaries and Wages - Employees	368,869	65,341	6-2	434,210		434,210			434,210		434,210			434,210		434,210
21 Salaries and Wages - Directors	11,682			11,682		11,682			11,682		11,682			11,682		11,682
22 Employee Benefits	111,503			142,819		142,819			142,819		142,819			142,819		142,819
23 Retirement Benefits		5,759	6-4													
24 Insurance Increases		25,557	PET													
25 Purchased Water	415,124			536,364		536,364			536,364		536,364			536,364		536,364
26 Customer Normalization		3,071	6-11													
27 Revenue Normalization		5,622	PET													
28 Water Tracker		112,547	6-1													
29 Purchased Power	29,118			30,404		30,404			30,404		30,404			30,404		30,404
30 Plant Electric Increase		1,110	6-9													
31 System Delivery		176	6-12													
32 Chemicals	88,462			88,462		88,462			88,462		88,462			88,462		88,462
33 Materials and Supplies	274,236			221,888		221,888			221,888		221,888			221,888		221,888
34 Office Electric Increase		1,028	6-10													
35 Non-Recurring & Capital		(19,721)	6-6													
36 Reclassify Main Breaks		(33,655)	6-7													
37 Contractual Services																
38 Accounting	38,979			38,979		38,979			38,979		38,979			38,979		38,979
39 Engineering	12,150			243,497		243,497			243,497		243,497			243,497		243,497
40 GIS Contractor		34,469	PET													
41 Dixon Tank Maintenance		196,878	PET													
42 Legal	1,770			1,770		1,770			1,770		1,770			1,770		1,770
43 Management Fees	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
44 Testing	91,743	(2,500)	6-6	89,243		89,243			89,243		89,243			89,243		89,243
45 Other	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
46 Rental of Building/Real Property	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
47 Rental of Equipment	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
48 Transportation Expense	14,485			14,485		14,485			14,485		14,485			14,485		14,485
49 Insurance																
50 Vehicle	2,310			2,310		2,310			2,310		2,310			2,310		2,310
51 General Liability	19,092	(2,399)	PET	16,693		16,693			16,693		16,693			16,693		16,693
52 Workers' Compensation	5,108			5,108		5,108			5,108		5,108			5,108		5,108
53 Other	350			350		350			350		350			350		350
54 Advertising Expense	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
55 Regulatory Expense	2,983	166	6-5	3,149		3,149			3,149		3,149			3,149		3,149
56 Bad Debt Expense	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
57 Miscellaneous Expense	22,393			28,047		28,047			28,047		28,047			28,047		28,047
58 Postage Fees		174	6-13													
59 Bank Fees		5,480	6-8													
60 Depreciation Expense	264,474	(55,071)	PET	209,403		209,403	(209,403)	PET	-		-	-	PET	-		-
61 Amortization Expense	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
62 Taxes Other than Income																
63 Payroll Taxes	31,778	4,999	6-3	36,777		36,777			36,777		36,777			36,777		36,777
64 PILT	-			-		-			-		-			-		-
65 Total Operating Expenses	1,806,609	349,031		2,155,640	-	2,155,640	(209,403)		1,946,237	-	1,946,237	-		1,946,237	-	1,946,237
66 Net Operating Income	\$ 312,820	\$ (216,114)		\$ 96,706	\$ 314,505	\$ 411,211	\$ 209,403		\$ 620,614	\$ 403,810	\$ 1,024,423	\$ -		\$ 620,614	\$ 638,668	\$ 1,259,281

Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation
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Settlement Revenue Adjustments

(1)

Water Tracker Expenses

To adjust purchased water revenues for SWBWC's 30-day filing for purchased water tracker

Cost of Water Purchases Prior to Columbus Increase	\$533,293	
Cost of Water Purchased After Columbus Increase	<u>\$420,745</u>	
Increased Purchased Water Revenues:	<u><u>\$112,547</u></u>	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)		<u><u>\$112,547</u></u>

(2)

Interest Income

To adjust test year interest income for interest on short lived asset reserve account ending 0699

Month	Interest Earned	
Feb. 2025	\$ 815.18	
Mar. 2025	\$ 926.57	
Apr. 2025	\$ 907.28	
May. 2025	\$ 929.04	
Jun. 2025	\$ 920.27	
Jul. 2025	\$ 1,006.57	
Aug. 2025	\$ 971.32	
Total Interest Inc. @ New Rate	\$ 6,476.23	
Divide: # of Months	7	
Avg. Monthly Interest Inc.	<u>\$ 925.18</u>	
Times: 12 Months	12	
Annualized Interest @ New Rate	<u>\$ 11,102.11</u>	
Less: Total Test Year Interest Inc.	\$ -	

Adjustment Increase (Decrease) \$ 11,102

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Settlement Expense Adjustments

(1)

Water Tracker Expenses

To adjust purchased water expense for SWBWC's 30-day filing for purchased water tracker

Cost of Water Purchases Prior to Columbus Increase	\$	533,293
Cost of Water Purchased After Columbus Increase	\$	420,745
Increased Purchased Water Cost:	\$	112,547

Adjustment Increase (Decrease)

\$ 112,547

(2)

Salaries and Wages

To adjust test year salaries and wages for known increases and normalized bonuses

	Regular Hours	OT Hours	Total Hours	Test Year Wage	Other	2024 Total
A Doyle	2125	49.75	2174.75	\$ 50,422.57	\$ 2,575.18	\$ 52,997.75
B Allman	2142.5	94.25	2236.75	42097.84	1808.87	43906.71
C Ruble	2087.25	1.25	2088.5	33267.6	2303.63	35571.23
D Allen	2135	83.75	2218.75	47331.37	2223.35	49554.72
D Prather	2120	76.5	2196.5	58076	3360.47	61436.47
Assistant Suj	2080	50	2130			
H Lucas	2050.25	7.25	2057.5	32800.8	2312.61	35113.41
K Keller	2120	0	2120	79721.06	10566.24	90287.3

2024 Salaries and Wages

368,867.59

	2025 Hourly	2025 Pay	OT Pay	Christmas Bonus	2025 Bonus	2025 Total
A Doyle	\$ 23.92	\$ 50,830.00	\$ 1,785.03	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,990.14	\$ 55,255.17
B Allman	19.06	40,836.05	2694.61	500	1225.08	45,255.74
C Ruble	16.48	34,397.88	30.9	500	1031.94	35,960.72
D Allen	21.63	46,180.05	2717.27	500	1385.4	50,782.72
D Prather	27.04	57,324.80	3102.84	650	2292.99	63,370.63
Assistant Suj	26.44	54,995.20	1983	500	2199.81	59,678.01
H Lucas	16.48	33,788.12	179.22	500	1013.64	35,480.98
K Keller	83,500	83,500 -		750	4,175	88,425.00

2025 Salaries and Wages

434,208.97

Adjustment Increase (Decrease)

\$ 65,341

(3)

Payroll Tax

To adjust payroll taxes for known FICA increases due to changes to test year wages

Increase in Eligible Salaries and Wages	\$	65,341
Combined Medicare and Social Security Tax Rate		7.65%
Increase in Medicare and Social Security Taxes	\$	4,998.62

Adjustment Increase (Decrease)

\$ 4,999

(4)

Retirement Benefits

To adjust retirement benefits for changes in eligible salaries and wages

<i>Pro forma</i> wages for eligible employees	\$	434,210.38	
Employer Contribution Rate		3%	
Forecasted Employee Pension Benefit	\$	13,026.31	
Less: Test Year Retirement Benefits	\$	7,267.55	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)			<u>\$ 5,759</u>

(5)

IURC Fee

To adjust annual IURC Fee based on updated revenues

Total Phase I <i>Pro Forma</i> Revenues	\$	2,162,455	
Times: 2025-2026 IURC Fee Rate		0.1456147%	
Equals: Phase I IURC Fee Expense	\$	3,148.85	
Less: Test Year IURC Fee	\$	2,983	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)			<u>\$ 166</u>

(6)

Non-Recurring & Capital Items

To adjust test year material and contractual service expenses for non-recurring and capital expenses

Type	Description	Invoice #	Account	Amount
Capital	Meter Change-Outs	PET	Contract Services	\$ 2,500
Capital	New Services and Line Extension	PET	Materials	\$ 8,610
Capital	Toric Engineering Spare Radio	PET	Materials	\$ 2,471
Capital	Pulled New Service Line under Road	RMILL 1509	Materials	\$ 1,800
Capital	Put in 46' 8" Culvert on Carr Hill Road	RMILL 1624	Materials	\$ 1,420
Capital	Replaced Meter Set an Tapping Saddle	RMILL 1704	Materials	\$ 1,590
Capital	Hard Set New Meter, Reone O/X Meter Pit	RMILL 1683	Materials	\$ 1,940
Capital	Placed New Pipe under 170 S	RMILL 1261	Materials	\$ 1,890
		Total - Materials		\$ 19,721
		Total - Contract Services		\$ 2,500

Adjustment Increase (Decrease) \$ (22,221)

(7)

Reclassify Main Breaks as E&R

To adjust test year expenses to reclassify capital costs incurred for main breaks as E&R rather than materials expense

Type	Description	Invoice #	Account	Amount
Capital	Water Main Broke Goeller Blvd	RMILL 1506 Materials		\$ 1,800
Capital	Break Wolf Creek	RMILL 1532 Materials		\$ 1,800
Capital	Late Evening Break @ YouthCamp	RMILL 1544 Materials		\$ 1,800
Capital	Terrane Lake Rd Break	RMILL 1542 Materials		\$ 1,715
Capital	Repair Break 100/ 850 after hrs	RMILL 1545 Materials		\$ 2,010
Capital	Break Contractor should be billed 100 S 850 W	RMILL 1554 Materials		\$ 1,590
Capital	Break on YokeWood Pain was on Mark	RMILL 1151 Materials		\$ 1,590
Capital	Break Woodlake Booth Prop	RMILL 1645 Materials		\$ 3,440
Capital	Break Entrance South	RMILL 1646 Materials		\$ 1,280
Capital	Break on Goellar	RMILL 1687 Materials		\$ 1,800
Capital	Break Luth Lake Rd Front Hickory Court	RMILL 1688 Materials		\$ 1,540
Capital	Break Luth Lake Rd Front Hickory Court	RMILL 1253 Materials		\$ 1,540
Capital	Break 500w	RMILL 1266 Materials		\$ 1,280
Capital	Break Luth Lake	RMILL 1270 Materials		\$ 1,800
Capital	Break 450 S	RMILL 1287 Materials		\$ 1,990
Capital	Luth. Lake Break Cedar Dr	RMILL 1281 Materials		\$ 1,540
Capital	Goeller Break	RMILL 1280 Materials		\$ 1,800
Capital	Break on 500 REMC	RMILL 1282 Materials		\$ 1,800
Capital	Water main break	RMILL 1330 Materials		\$ 1,540
Total Breaks				\$ 33,655

Adjustment Increase (Decrease) \$ (33,655)

(8)

Bank Fees

To adjust test year bank fee expenses for known increases

Month	Bank Fee
Nov. 2024	\$ 828.19
Dec. 2024	\$ 782.92
Jan. 2025	\$ 913.74
Feb. 2025	\$ 757.01
Mar. 2025	\$ 722.38
Apr. 2025	\$ 715.88
May. 2025	\$ 694.76
Jun. 2025	\$ 762.37
Total Bank Fee @ New Rate	\$ 6,177.25
Divide: # of Months	8
Avg. Monthly Bank Fee	<u>\$ 772.16</u>
Times: 12 Months	12
Annualized Bank Fee @ New Rate	<u>\$ 9,265.88</u>
Less: Total Test Year Bank Fees	\$ 3,785.51

Adjustment Increase (Decrease) \$ 5,480

(9)

Purchased Power - Plant Electric

To adjust test year purchased power for known increases from Duke Energy's rate increase

Test Year Duke Energy Plant Electric	\$	15,224.31	
Times: Duke Step 1 Increase		7.29%	
Equals: Plant Electric @ New Duke Rates	\$	16,334.16	
Less: Test Year Duke Energy Plant Electric	\$	15,224.31	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)			<u>\$ 1,110</u>

(10)

Purchased Power - Office Electric

To adjust test year purchased power for known increases from Duke Energy's rate increase

Test Year Duke Energy Plant Electric	\$	14,106.62	
Times: Duke Step 1 Increase		7.29%	
Equals: Plant Electric @ New Duke Rates	\$	15,134.99	
Less: Test Year Duke Energy Plant Electric	\$	14,106.62	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)			<u>\$ 1,028</u>

(11)

Purchased Water - System Delivery

To adjust purchased water due to revenue normalization and growth adjustments

Forecasted Additional Billings (Adj 5-2 & 5-3)		285	
Average Monthly Usage - Test Year (1,000 gals)		3.683	
Forecasted Increase in Gallons Billed (1,000 gals)		1049.655	
Times: Water Loss Factor (Adj. for System Usage)		0.2944	
Forecasted Increase in Gallons Pumped (1,000 Gallons)		1358.654216	
Purchased Water Contract Per 1,000 Gallons		2.26	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)			<u>\$ 3,071</u>

(12)

Purchased Power - System Delivery

To adjust purchased power due to revenue normalization and growth adjustments

Test Year Purchased Power (Adjusted for Duke Incr.)	\$	30,328.08	
Test Year Purchased Power Pumped (1,000 Gals)		234,356	
Test Year Purchased Power Per 1,000 Gals	\$	0.1294	
Forecasted Increase in Gallons Pumped (1,000 Gals)		1358.654216	
Forecasted Increase in Purchased Power	\$	175.82	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)			<u>\$ 176</u>

(13)

Postage Fees - System Delivery

To adjust postage expense due to revenue normalization and growth adjustments

Forecasted Increase in Customer Billings (Adj 5-2 & 5-3)		285	
Current Postal Rate for Postcards	\$	0.61	
Forecasted Increase in Postage Expense	\$	173.85	
Adjustment Increase (Decrease)			<u>\$ 174</u>

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Extensions and Replacements

To reflect the average amount of debt service required over a five year period.

		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
	Project Descriptions						
1	Forecasted Customer Req. Line Ext.	\$ 4,193	\$ 4,193	\$ 4,193	\$ 4,193	\$ 4,193	\$ 20,965
2	Forecasted Annual Meter - 5/8"	82,080	82,080	82,080	82,080	82,080	410,400
3	Forecasted Annual Meter - 1.5"	547	547	547	547	547	2,735
4	Forecasted Annual Meter - 1"	5,231	5,231	5,231	5,231	5,231	26,155
5	Auto Read MRX Unit	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	11,600
6	iPad for Auto Read and System	3,749	3,749	3,749	3,749	3,749	18,745
7	Personal Computers	1,259	1,259	1,259	1,259	1,259	6,295
8	Server	1,826	1,826	1,826	1,826	1,826	9,130
9	Master Meters	8,799	8,799	8,799	8,799	8,799	43,995
10	High Service Pumps	16,700	16,700	16,700	16,700	16,700	83,500
11	Ion Exchange Units	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	200,000
12	Chlorinators	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	14,000
13	Booster Pumps	26,800	26,800	26,800	26,800	26,800	134,000
14	Altitude Valve	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	7,500
15	Generator Replacements	11,300	11,300	11,300	11,300	11,300	56,500
16	SCADA System	51,279	51,279	51,279	51,279	51,279	256,395
17	GIS	764	764	764	764	764	3,820
18	Resin Replacement - Softeners	12,209	12,209	12,209	12,209	12,209	61,045
19	Hydrant Locks	3,082	3,082	3,082	3,082	3,082	15,410
20	Locating Equipment	1,945	1,945	1,945	1,945	1,945	9,725
21	INDOT Main Relocation	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	40,000
22	HVAC Replacement	810	810	810	810	810	4,050
23	Grandview/SR58 Booster Station PLC Upgr	6,386	6,386	6,386	6,386	6,386	31,930
24	New Utility Truck	9,304	9,304	9,304	9,304	9,304	46,520
25	Utility Truck Replacements	13,957	13,957	13,957	13,957	13,957	69,785
26	Main Breaks	33,655	33,655	33,655	33,655	33,655	168,275
27	Totals	\$ 350,495	\$ 350,495	\$ 350,495	\$ 350,495	\$ 350,495	\$ 1,752,475
28	Expected Life of Capital Plan						5
29	Average Annual Extensions and Replacements						\$ 350,495

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Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes

Not Applicable

Petitioner is not eligible for PILT.

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Working Capital

Not Applicable

Petitioner did not request working capital.

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Debt Service

Not Applicable

**See Settlement Terms for proposed debt
service.**

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Debt Service Reserve

Not Applicable

**See Settlement Terms for proposed debt
service reserve.**

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						Phase I			Phase II			<u>Overall</u>								
						Petitioner Proposed	Settlement Proposed	Settlement More (Less)	Petitioner Proposed	Settlement Proposed	Settlement More (Less)	Petitioner Increase (%)	Settlement Increase (%)	Settlement More (Less)						
						Rate w/o Tracker	Tracker	Current Rate												
<u>Monthly Metered Rates (per 1,000 gallons)</u>																				
First	3,000 gallons	\$	10.66	\$	2.17	\$	12.83	\$	14.81	\$	14.64	(0.166)	\$	19.29	\$	18.33	(0.963)	50.35%	42.84%	-7.51%
Next	7,000 gallons		9.78		2.17		11.95		13.79		13.64	(0.151)		17.96		17.07	(0.890)	50.29%	42.84%	-7.45%
Next	10,000 gallons		8.22		2.17		10.39		11.99		11.86	(0.131)		15.62		14.84	(0.779)	50.34%	42.84%	-7.49%
Next	40,000 gallons		6.76		2.17		8.93		10.31		10.19	(0.118)		13.43		12.76	(0.674)	50.39%	42.84%	-7.55%
Over	60,000 gallons		4.48		2.17		6.65		7.68		7.59	(0.090)		10.00		9.50	(0.501)	50.38%	42.84%	-7.53%
<u>Minimum Charge (per month)</u>		<u>Gallons</u>																		
5/8 inch meter	3,000	\$	31.98	\$	6.51	\$	38.49	\$	44.43	\$	43.93	(0.497)	\$	57.87	\$	54.98	(2.889)	50.35%	42.84%	-7.51%
3/4 inch meter	4,667		48.28		10.13		58.41		67.42		66.668	(0.754)		87.81		83.436	(4.374)	50.34%	42.85%	-7.49%
1 inch meter	6,333		64.58		13.74		78.32		90.39		89.391	(0.999)		117.73		111.874	(5.856)	50.31%	42.84%	-7.48%
1 1/4" meter	8,000		80.88		17.36		98.24		113.38		112.128	(1.252)		147.67		140.330	(7.340)	50.32%	42.84%	-7.47%
1 1/2" meter (restricted)	13,720		131.02		29.77		160.79		185.56		183.521	(2.039)		241.70		229.680	(12.020)	50.32%	42.84%	-7.48%
1 1/2" meter	27,930		236.25		60.61		296.86		342.62		338.820	(3.800)		446.29		424.039	(22.251)	50.34%	42.84%	-7.50%
2" meter and larger	By Contract	By Contract		By Contract	By Contract			By Contract	By Contract	By Contract			By Contract	By Contract	By Contract			By Contract	By Contract	By Contract

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Revenue Requirement Comparison

	Cause 45427	Cause 46269	CN 46239 More (Less)
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,281,143	\$ 1,909,460	\$ 628,317
Taxes other than Income	24,541	36,777	12,236
Extensions and Replacements	123,489	350,495	227,006
Capital Improvement Projects	-	-	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	-
Working Capital	14,213	-	(14,213)
Debt Service	182,616	637,213	454,597
Debt Service Reserve	10,824	46,912	36,088
Total Revenue Requirements	1,636,826	2,980,856	1,344,030
Less Revenue Requirement Offsets:			
Interest Income	(186)	(11,241)	(11,055)
Other Income	5,432	-	(5,432)
		-	
Net Revenue Requirement	<u>\$ 1,642,072</u>	<u>\$ 2,969,615</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,543</u>
Revenues at current rates subject to increase		2,224,750	
Other revenues not subject to increase		27,595	
Total Revenues		2,252,345	
Less: Revenue Requirement in Last Rate Case		(1,642,072)	
Revenue Over (Under)		<u>\$ 610,273</u>	
Net Revenue Requirement Increase			\$ 1,328,589
Revenue Increase Requested			<u>\$ 718,316</u>
			<u>\$ 610,273</u>

Month / Year	Gallons Sold to Customers	Month / Year	<u>Meter</u> <u>14243478</u> <u>Changed to</u>	<u>Meter</u> <u>14247242</u> <u>Changed to</u>	Gallons Purchased from Supplier	Gallons Sold to Customers
			<u>Meter</u> <u>93414562</u>	<u>Meter</u> <u>93415089</u>		
January 2024	10,704.70	January 2024	10,202.00	6,715.00	16,917.00	10,704.70
February 2024	10,811.60	February 2024	10,307.00	7,325.00	17,632.00	10,811.60
March 2024	9,656.70	March 2024	9,265.00	7,248.00	16,513.00	9,656.70
April 2024	11,024.10	April 2024	10,332.00	7,476.00	17,808.00	11,024.10
May 2024	11,609.60	May 2024	10,586.00	6,965.00	17,551.00	11,609.60
June 2024	13,881.40	June 2024	13,726.00	9,325.00	23,051.00	13,881.40
July 2024	15,223.40	July 2024	13,399.00	8,281.00	21,680.00	15,223.40
August 2024	15,448.40	August 2024	14,817.00	8,650.00	23,467.00	15,448.40
September 2024	16,186.70	September 2024	14,957.00	8,591.00	23,548.00	16,186.70
October 2024	11,242.10	October 2024	12,015.00	7,251.00	19,266.00	11,242.10
November 2024	12,279.00	November 2024	11,793.00	7,224.00	19,017.00	12,279.00
December 2024	11,752.40	December 2024	11,004.00	6,902.00	17,906.00	11,752.40
Totals	<u>149,820.10</u>	Totals			<u>234,356.00</u>	<u>149,820.10</u>

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Supplier's Rates			Annual Cost of Wholesale Water Purchased		
Component	Change	Changed Rate	Purchased Water Gallons (1,000) Gal	to Change	At Changed Rate
Gallonge Charge (per thousand):	\$ 1.7800	\$ 2.2600	234,356.00	\$ 417,153.68	\$ 529,644.56
Service Charges:					
Meter Size (2-6")	\$ 149.65	\$ 152.00	N/A	3,591.60	3,648.00
Total Cost of Water Purchased				<u>\$ 420,745.28</u>	<u>\$ 533,292.56</u>