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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Hamlin
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From: Angela Hawkins
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Date: June 12, 2017

Re: PUCO Response – Standards for Waterworks Companies and
Sewage Disposal System Companies (Ohio Adm.Code Chapter
4901:1-15)

In Case No. 16-1568-WS-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-15. These rules, which are authorized by R.C. 4901.13 and 4905.04, address the provision of water, sewage disposal, and related facilities to the public by waterworks and sewage disposal system companies that are subject to the jurisdiction of the PUCO. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on August 16, 2016, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for Staff's consideration. One stakeholder attended the workshop and suggested revisions to the rules.

Following a formal comment period, during which the same party who had attended the workshop filed a comment expressing support of the proposed revisions to the rules and provided no additional recommendations, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order with a revised business impact analysis (BIA) on April 26, 2017, affirming the proposed rules. On May 24, 2017, the PUCO issued an Entry Nunc Pro Tunc revising the April 26, 2017 Finding and Order, the BIA, and attached rules to correct minor inconsistencies, errors, and inadvertent omissions to the revised rules. There were no substantive changes made to the affected documents. On June 1, 2017, the Common Sense

Initiative (CSI) Office replied to the PUCO, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file these rules with JCARR.

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