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BEFORE THE

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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THE BATON ROUGE WATER WORKS COMPANY d/b/a BATON ROUGE WATER COMPANY

In re: Application for an Increase and Adjustment in Retail Rates, Request for Interim Rates, Approval for Hurricane Ida Recovery, and Request for Establishment of Emergency Reserve Fund

SUBMISSION OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION

NOW BEFORE the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("Commission" or "LPSC"), through undersigned counsel, comes The Baton Rouge Water Works Company doing business as the Baton Rouge Water Company ("BRWC"), who avers as follows:

1.

On December 15, 2021, BRWC filed an Application for an Increase and Adjustment in Retail Rates, Request for Interim Rates, Approval for Hurricane Ida Recovery, and Request for Establishment of an Emergency Reserve Fund (the "Application"), which was published in the Commission's Official Bulletin No. 1261 on December 23, 2021.

2.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution, Article IV, Section 21, when a public utility files a proposed rate schedule that would result in a change in rates, it is required to give notice of such application by publication in the official state journal and in the official journal of each parish within the geographic area in which the schedule would become applicable.

3.

BRWC, a Louisiana corporation, is an LPSC-regulated utility that currently provides safe, reliable, and metered water service to approximately 116,959 customers (103,596 residential



customers and 13,363 commercial customers) in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana and is domiciled at 8755 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

4.

After the filing of the Application, BRWC caused to be published in *The Advocate*, the official journal of East Baton Rouge Parish and the State of Louisiana, the notice of filing of the Application and the effects thereof.

5.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference, is the official notice of publication issued by the official journal described hereinabove.

WHEREFORE, Baton Rouge Water Works Company prays that this filing be accepted and that the material attached hereto be filed into the record of this matter and for all other just and equitable relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this 7th day of January, 2022, served copies of the foregoing pleading upon all known parties to this proceeding by U.S. Mail, email, facsimile, and/or hand delivery.

KARA B. KANTROW

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Baton Rouge Water Works Company (Jb/a Baton Rouge Water Company) (the "Company") has filed a request with the Louisiana Public Service Commission for an increase in its retail rates for water service as well as for other rate relief (request for interim retail rate relief, Hurricane Ida recovery, and a request for the establishment of an emergency reserve fund) within its service area in East Baton Rouge Parish. This requested rate relief is necessary due to the increased investments in utility plant required to support the growing parish, the additional capital expenditures needed to maintain and improve the resiliency of the Company's water service, and to maintain financial stability. The existing water rate monthly minimum is \$8.52 or \$2.840 per 100cf for the first 3 hundred cubic feet, "units"; \$1.213 per unit for the next 197 units; all additional units \$0.737 per unit. The proposed monthly minimum is \$9.49 or \$3.163 per unit for the next 197 units; all additional units \$0.821 per unit. The Company is requesting a \$21/month line item for each customer for twelve (12) months for Hurricane Ida costs. The Company is also requesting a \$2.0/month line item for each customer in order to establish an emergency reserve fund. Questions and comments should be directed to Louisiana Public Service Commission at (800) 256-2397.

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