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Honorable David Jones, Chairman c/o Ectory Lawless, Docket Manager Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243 TPUC.DocketRoom@tn.gov Electronically Filed in TPUC Docket Room on August 11, 2025 at 2:42 p.m.

RE: Joint Application of Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC, Sunset Cove Condominium HOA of Norris Lake, Inc. and Commercial Bank for Approval of the Acquisition of and to Operate the Wastewater System of Sunset Cove Condominium HOA of Norris Lake, Inc. and Commercial Bank, and to Issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, TPUC Docket No. 23-00070

#### Dear Chairman Jones:

Attached for filing please find Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC's *Motion to Appear and Participate at Hearing Telephonically* for witness Josiah Cox in the above-captioned matter.

As required, copies will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

**BUTLER SNOW LLP** 

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cc: Russ Mitten, Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC Erik C. Lybeck, Sunset Cove Condo HOA of Norris Lake, Inc. Gregory Logue, Commercial Bank Shilina B. Brown, Consumer Advocate Division Victoria B. Glover, Consumer Advocate Division

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## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	)
JOINT APPLICATION OF LIMESTONE	)
WATER UTILITY OPERATING	)
COMPANY, LLC, SUNSET COVE	)
CONDOMINIUM HOA OF NORRIS	)
LAKE, INC. AND COMMERCIAL BANK	)
FOR APPROVAL OF THE	) DOCKET NO. 23-00070
ACQUISITION OF AND TO OPERATE	)
THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF	)
SUNSET COVE CONDOMINIUM HOA	)
OF NORRIS LAKE, INC. AND	)
COMMERCIAL BANK AND TO ISSUE	)
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	)

### MOTION TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE AT HEARING TELEPHONICALLY

The hearing in the above-captioned matter (the "Hearing") is set by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") for August 18, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. (CST), in Hearing Room G.201 located on the Ground Floor of the Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 500 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c), Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC ("Limestone") submits this Motion to Appear and Participate at Hearing Telephonically (the "Motion") and provides the following in support of this Motion:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c) addresses electronic participation at a hearing as follows:

In the discretion of the administrative judge or hearing officer and agency members and by agreement of the parties, all or part of the hearing may be conducted by telephone, television or other electronic means, if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in, to hear, and, if technically feasible, to see the entire proceedings while taking place.

In accordance with the above-referenced statute, Limestone hereby respectfully requests that its witness, Josiah Cox, be allowed to participate in the Hearing telephonically because personal appearance by Limestone's witness, who will be working outside of Middle Tennessee on the date of the Hearing, would be burdensome.

If this Motion is granted, Limestone agrees that its electronic appearance and participation in the Hearing will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Petitioner's Tennessee attorney shall appear personally at the Hearing to present and facilitate questioning of Petitioner's witness.
- 2. Petitioner is solely responsible for, and shall be required to, secure a properly licensed Notary Public in good standing in the State of the jurisdiction where the testimony is to be given, and who will be in the same physical location with the witness while he is providing the testimony or ratifying pre-filed testimony.
- 3. The Notary Public obtained by Petitioner shall be duly authorized to administer the testimonial oath and shall do so during the Hearing and remain physically present with the witness at all times during the witness' testimony until such witness is excused from examination by the Commission or Hearing Officer.
- 4. Following conclusion of the Hearing, the Notary Public shall prepare and sign an affidavit, which bears the official seal of the Notary Public, affirming: (1) the proven identity of the witness, (2) the fact that the Notary Public properly administered the testimonial oath to such person, and (3) that testimony given by the sworn witness was in accordance with the highest

ethical and legal standards, as observed by the Notary Public. In addition, the testifying witness shall sign a conforming Witness Certification in the form attached hereto as  $\underline{\text{Exhibit A}}^1$  or in such format ordered by the Commission or Hearing Officer.

5. The original Witness Certification and Notary Public Affidavit must be post-marked within five (5) days of the Hearing and received by the Hearing Officer via postage-paid U.S. Mail or overnight courier. Should the required affirming documents not be received by the Hearing Officer as required above, the testimony of the witness may be stricken from the record and constitute sufficient cause for denial of the Petition.

Wherefore, based on the foregoing, Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting its Motion to Appear and Participate at Hearing Telephonically.

Respectfully submitted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To the extent the Commission has any issue with the form of Witness Certification or Affidavit attached hereto, Petitioner's counsel can revise accordingly upon notification and identification of the issue by the Commission.

## **EXHIBIT A**

[See attached.]

# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:  JOINT APPLICATION OF LIMESTONE WATER UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, SUNSET COVE CONDOMINIUM HOA OF NORRIS LAKE, INC. AND COMMERCIAL BANK FOR APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION OF AND TO OPERATE THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF SUNSET COVE CONDOMINIUM HOA OF NORRIS LAKE, INC. AND COMMERCIAL BANK AND TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	) ) ) ) ) ) ) DOCKET NO. 23-00070 ) ) ) ) ) ) )
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Affiant, duly sworn according to law, stat	res as follows:
I,	, attest and certify that on the day of
, 20, I gave s	worn testimony by electronic means at a hearing
in the above-styled docket before the Tennesse	ee Public Utility Commission. I have read the
Affidavit of the Notary Public, executed by Mr./	Mrs, who
administered the testimonial oath to me and witr	nessed my testimony, and I further acknowledge
and affirm that the testimony I provided during	the hearing was in accordance with the highest
ethical and legal standards.	
FURTHER WITNESS SAITH NOT.	
WITNESS my hand, at office, this	day of, 20
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1.	I,	, am a duly licensed Nota	ry Public in good
standing in th	ne State of	, County of	This Affidavit
is made of my	y own personal knowledge.		
2.	My business address and telepho	ne number where I may be cont	acted are:
3. Commission,	To provide sworn testimony by	telephone before the Tenness  ("Witness") appeared per	•

and provided		(type of identification), which I verified
on the	day of	
4.	During the hearing, I proper	rly administered the testimonial oath to the Witness
before he/she testified by telephone before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.		
5.	I remained in the presence of	the Witness at all times during his/her testimony unti
such Witness	was excused from examination	n by the Commissioner panel or Hearing Officer.
6.	To the extent observable, the	e testimony given by the Witness was in accordance
with the high	est of ethical and legal standard	ds.
FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.		
WITNESS my hand, at office, this day of, 20		
		NOTARY PUBLIC
(OFFICIAL SEAL)		
		NOTARY PUBLIC (Printed)
		My Commission Expires:

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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