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Hon. David Jones, Chairman c/o Ectory Lawless, Docket Room Manager Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor Nashville, TN 37243 TPUC.DocketRoom@tn.gov

RE: Joint Application of Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC, and Bridget J. Willhite, as Administrator CTA of the Estate of Glenna Newport, for Approval of the Acquisition of and to Operate the Newport Resort Water System, and to Transfer or Issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, TPUC Docket No. 24-00034

Dear Chairman Jones:

Attached for filing please find *Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC's Notice of Withdrawal* in the above-captioned matter.

As required, the original plus four (4) hard copies will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
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JOINT APPLICATION OF LIMESTONE)	
WATER UTILITY OPERATING)	
COMPANY, LLC, AND BRIDGET J.)	
WILLHITE, AS ADMINISTRATOR CTA)	
OF THE ESTATE OF GLENNA)	DOCKET NO. 24-00034
NEWPORT, FOR APPROVAL OF THE)	
ACQUISITION OF AND TO OPERATE)	
THE NEWPORT RESORT WATER)	
SYSTEM, AND TO TRANSFER OR)	
ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	

LIMESTONE WATER UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC'S NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

On May 8, 2024, Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC ("Limestone") and Bridget J. Willhite, as Administrator CTA of the Estate of Glenna Newport ("Newport Estate") respectfully filed their Joint Petition in the above-captioned matter. The Joint Applicants were requesting that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission") approve Limestone's acquisition of the title to all assets, property, and real estate of the Newport Estate used to provide regulated water service to customers in Rhea County, Tennessee. Ms. Willhite, as Administrator CTA of the Newport Estate was under court-approved authorization to sell the system, which was operated under a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") held by the Newport Resort Water System ("NRWS"). Therefore, the Joint Applicants further requested the Commission to authorize the transfer of NRWS's CCN to Limestone, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 65-4-113.

On August 28, 2024, Rhea County, Tennessee, and North Utility District of Rhea County filed a Petition to Intervene in this matter and were granted intervention on October 18, 2024. Through the pendency of this case, the parties agreed that Limestone would assign its interest in the Newport Resort purchase agreement to the North Utility District of Rhea County.

The parties updated the Hearing Officer with this development in a status conference held December 11, 2024. Limestone agreed to withdraw its application once Rhea County approved the transaction. Via email dated January 22, 2025, Ms. Willhite advised the transaction was approved and closed on January 21, 2025. Therefore, Limestone respectfully withdraws its Petition without prejudice.

This the 7th day of March 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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This the 7th day of March 2025.

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