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Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Copley Business Center, LLC for a rate increase*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Copley Business Center, LLC in Case No. 22-0489-WS-AIR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Marianne Townsend".

Marianne Townsend
Chief, Regulatory Utility Services
Rates and Analysis, Dept.
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dorothy Bremer".

Dorothy Bremer
Section Chief, Regulatory Utility Services
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Enclosure

Cc: Parties of Record

**Copley Business Center
Case No. 22-0489-WS-AIR**

On May 9, 2022, Copley Business Center, LLC (Company) filed an application at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) for an increase in rates and charges. In order for Staff to evaluate an application for an increase in rates, applicants must provide specific standard information, as required by Ohio Admin. Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A. These Standard Filing Requirements (SFR) contain the minimum information public utilities are required to submit with their applications.

The Company provides water works and wastewater services to 7 customers in the area of Copley township, Summit County, Ohio. Water works and sewage disposal systems with fewer than 7,500 customers may choose to either make an abbreviated filing, under Chapter IV of the SFR, or apply for rate adjustments by complying with the SFR for small utilities, under Chapter III of the SFR.

The Company chose to make an abbreviated filing. Staff reviewed the application filed on May 9, 2022, for compliance with the SFR. The Company proposes a test period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, and that the date certain be July 1, 2021. The Company's current rates were established in Case No. 91-1393-WW-ACE. The Company proposes to increase rates and switch from flat quarterly rates to flat monthly rates. Water service customers would see their quarterly rate of \$87.68 change to \$63.00 per month for a bill increase of approximately 116%. Sewer service customers would see their quarterly rate of \$93.40 change to \$67.00 per month for a bill increase of approximately 115%.

The procedures in an abbreviated filing assume that the applicant maintained adequate financial records pursuant to the Uniform Systems of Accounts prescribed by the Commission and requires that the applicant have on file with the Commission fully completed annual reports for the most recent calendar year and at least two prior years.¹

Staff finds the Company's application substantively conforms to the SFR. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission accept the application for filing as of May 9, 2022.

¹ Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Ch. IV(A)(1)

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