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Ms. Susan K. Duffy Executive Director Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 S. W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

Re:

Suburban Water, Inc., d/b/a Suburban Water Company

Docket No. 10-SUBW-602-TAR

Dear Ms. Duffy:

Please file the enclosed Affidavit of Mailing and Affidavit of Publication on behalf of Suburban Water, Inc., d/b/a Suburban Water Company in the above captioned matter. I would appreciate receiving a file stamped copy of this cover letter as well as a file stamped copy of each document for my files. An envelope is included for your convenience.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

James G. Flaherty

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# BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Water, Inc., d/b/a Suburban Water Company for Approval of a Purchase Water Adjustment (PWA)	) )	Docket No. 10-SUBW-602-TAR
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# **AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS	)	
	) ss:	
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	)	

I, James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, state:

That I am an attorney for Suburban Water, Inc., d/b/a Suburban Water Company ("SWC").

That the Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period Concerning Suburban Water's Application Proposing a Purchased Water Adjustment, was published in the following newspapers regarding the inclusion of a proposed purchased water adjustment provision to SWC's tariffs, to-wit: Bonner Springs Chieftain, Basehor Sentinel and The Mirror. Copies of the Affidavits in Proof of Publication are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Further affiant saith naught.

James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 15th day of July, 2010.

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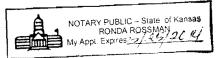
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