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DATE: December 20, 2024

TO: Office of Commission Clerk (Teitzman)

FROM: Division of Accounting and Finance (Souchik, D. Buys) *ALM*
Office of the General Counsel (Augspurger) *AEH*

RE: Docket No. 20240154-GU – Application for authorization to issue and sell securities, and to enter into agreements for interest rate swap products, equity products and other financial derivatives in 2025, by Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

AGENDA: 01/07/2025 - Consent Agenda - Final Action - Interested Persons May Participate

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

Please place the following application for authority to issue and sell securities on the consent agenda for approval.

Docket No. 20240154-GU, *Application for authorization to issue and sell securities, and to enter into agreements for interest rate swap products, equity products and other financial derivatives in 2025, by Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.*

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake or Company) requests authority to issue during calendar year 2025: up to 9.9 million shares of Chesapeake common stock; up to 2 million shares of Chesapeake preferred stock; up to \$800 million in secured and/or unsecured debt; short-term borrowings in an amount not to exceed \$600 million; and to enter into agreements up to \$600 million in interest rate swap products, equity products, and other financial derivatives.

Chesapeake allocates funds to the Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and Florida City Gas (FCG) on an as-needed basis. Chesapeake acknowledges that in no event will such allocations to the Florida regulated electric and gas distribution utilities exceed 75 percent of the proposed equity securities (common stock and preferred stock), long-term debt, short-term debt, interest rate swap products, equity products, and financial derivatives issued by Chesapeake.

The total amount requested by Chesapeake (\$1.4 billion) exceeds its expected 2025 capital expenditures of approximately \$192 million for FPUC and FCG. The additional amount requested in excess of the projected capital expenditures allows for financial flexibility for the purposes described in the Company's petition, as well as unexpected events such as hurricanes, financial market disruptions, and other unforeseen circumstances. Staff believes the requested

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amount is reasonable and appropriate, and therefore, recommends the Company's petition to issue the securities enumerated in its petition during the calendar year 2025 be approved.

For monitoring purposes, this docket should remain open until May 1, 2026, to allow the Company time to file and staff to review the Consummation Report.