UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

) Case No. 5:17-cv-10444-JEL-) MKM
) Case No. 5:17-cv-11166-JEL-) MKM
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VEOLIA NORTH AMERICA, LLC'S SHORT FORM ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS' MASTER SHORT FORM COMPLAINT, AFFIRMATIVE <u>DEFENSES, AND RELIANCE UPON JURY DEMAND</u>

NOW COMES the defendant, Veolia North America, LLC ("VNA LLC"), by and through their attorneys, hereby provides this Answer to the Amended Short Form Complaint [Dkt. 49] filed by Plaintiffs in this matter on February 22, 2018 and, pursuant to this Court's orders, states as follows:

1. By way of this Short Form Answer, VNA LLC does not waive, and expressly reserves, any challenges they may have to the Court's personal jurisdiction or venue.

- 2. VNA LLC incorporates all responses, affirmative defenses, and jury demand set forth in VNA LLC's Answer to the Plaintiffs' Amended Master Long-Form Complaint and Jury Demand [Dkt. 260] filed in *LeeAnn Waters et al.*, vs. *Snyder et al.*, Case No. 5:17-cv-10164, on or about September 10, 2019, as if the same were set forth at length herein, and prays that Plaintiffs be denied all relief requested.
- 3. To the extent any specific response is required to the Short Form Complaint, VNA LLC does not have enough knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in ¶¶1-14, and therefore those and any remaining allegations are denied.
- 4. VNA LLC further reserves the right to advance any additional defenses not otherwise set forth, as may be appropriate to this case.

WHEREFORE, VNA LLC prays for relief as set forth in their Answer to Plaintiffs' Amended Master Long Form Complaint.

DATED: October 3, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Alaina N. Devine, one of the counsel of record for the defendants Veolia Water North America Operating Services, LLC, Veolia North America, LLC, and Veolia North America, Inc., certify that on October 3, 2019, I caused the within answer to be filed electronically with the Clerk of Courts through the Court's ECF filing system which will cause it to be served automatically by electronic means to counsel of record for all parties.

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