

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF FILING OF WESTERN ROCKCASTLE)
WATER ASSOCIATION TO REVISE ITS METER) CASE NO.
CONNECTION CHARGE) 2014-00288

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION

Western Rockcastle Water Association ("Western Rockcastle"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than 15 days from the date of this request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Western Rockcastle shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to

which Western Rockcastle fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Western Rockcastle shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure its legibility. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. Provide the minutes of each meeting of Western Rockcastle's Board of Commissioners in which the proposed rate revision was discussed.

2. Provide the resolution of Western Rockcastle's Board of Commissioners in which the proposed rate revision was approved or, if no resolution was separately prepared, the minutes of the meeting of Western Rockcastle's Board of Commissioners in which the proposed rates were approved.

3. List separately for each calendar year from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, and year-to-date for 2014, the total number of Western Rockcastle's:

- a. New meter connections;
- b. New 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meter connections; and
- c. New meter connections larger than 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch.

4. State the number of spare meters that Western Rockcastle has in its inventory as of August 1, 2014.

5. State the number of meters that Western Rockcastle seeks to maintain in its inventory.

6. State the number of meters that Western Rockcastle purchases when it orders 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meters.

7. For each of Western Rockcastle's last five purchases of 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meters, state the date the order was made, the vendor, and the number of meters purchased. Provide copies of invoices.

8. Identify by name and address each vendor from whom Western Rockcastle solicited a bid or estimate regarding meters in the course of preparing its proposed non-recurring charge revision.

9. State whether, in Western Rockcastle's opinion and experience, the cost per unit for meters is less when the purchase order is for a number of meters rather than for one meter.

10. Identify by name and address each vendor from whom Western Rockcastle solicited a bid or estimate regarding meter-setting materials in the course of preparing its Application.

11. For each meter installation performed from January 1, 2011, through August 1, 2014, state the meter size, type of service (short side or long side), and the number of hours required for the installation.

12. Refer to the Application, Average Meter Connection Expense Cost Justification form, Section B. Materials Expense. Provide the most recent purchase invoices for each of the materials listed.

13. Refer to the Application, Average Meter Connection Expense Cost Justification form, Section C. Service Pipe Expense.

a. Explain how the Unit Quantity listed for short side and long side was determined.

b. Provide copies of invoices for the most recent purchases of plastic/HDPE service pipe.

14. Refer to the Application, Average Meter Connection Expense Cost Justification form, Section D. Installation Labor Expense.

a. Explain how the total hours listed for short side and long side were determined.

b. Explain how the Hourly Rate of \$15.00 was determined. Provide all records and show all calculations that Western Rockcastle used to make its determination.

15. Refer to the Application, Average Meter Connection Expense Cost Justification form, Section E. Installation Equipment Expense.

a. Explain how the total hours listed for short side and long side were determined.

b. Explain how the hourly rate of \$35.00 was determined. Provide all records and show all calculations that Western Rockcastle used to make its determination.

c. Describe the installation equipment to be used and state whether Western Rockcastle owns such equipment. If Western Rockcastle owns the equipment, identify the year of acquisition and the acquisition cost.

16. To the extent that Installation Equipment Expense involves the rental of equipment, identify all suppliers from whom Western Rockcastle has rented equipment for installing meters during the period January 1, 2011, through August 1, 2014, and provide a copy of the rental agreements.

17. Identify all persons from whom Western Rockcastle solicited a bid or estimate regarding the rental of equipment listed in the Application in the course of preparing its proposed rates.

18. Refer to the Application, Average Meter Connection Expense Cost Justification form, Section F. Installation Miscellaneous Expense. Much of the form appears to be blank. Explain why it was left blank and how the inspection and the site clean-up of the meter connection area will be addressed.

19. Refer to the Application, Average Meter Connection Expense Cost Justification form, Section G. Overhead Expense.

a. How was the \$150 installation expense determined? Provide all records and show all calculations that Western Rockcastle used to make its determination.

b. How was the 30 percent overhead rate determined? Provide all records and show all calculations that Western Rockcastle used to make its determination.

20. List all activities included in the administrative expense of \$7.50 and the amount of time that each activity takes.

21. Show all calculations that Western Rockcastle used to develop its estimate for administrative expense.



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