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To: Talina R. Matthews
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: Garrison-Quincey – Ky – 0 – Heights Water District Request for Deviation

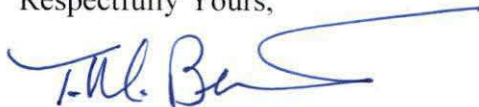
Dear Ms. Matthews:

Please find attached a written request from the water district that sets out the financial burden on the District should it be required to inspect each customers sewer grinding pump on a daily basis.

Please accept this as a part of the request for deviation from the regulations of the P.S.C, to be considered with the information already submitted by the Water District.

If I can be of any further assistance please contact me or John Pierce (606-757-4898) the manager of the Water District.

Respectfully Yours,



Thomas M. Bertram, II

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April 27, 2017

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THIRD WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A DEVIATION FOR THE DAILY INSPECTION OF SEWER GRINDING PUMP STATIONS AFTER A CALL CONCERNING THIS ISSUE FROM JOHN LYONS

As observed by Commission Staff Member Brian Rice during the inspection, July 15, 2016, we were deficient of inspecting all mechanical equipment on a daily basis. Notably was the 350 residential grinder pump stations that we have in our system.

I have figured it would take at least 10 minutes per household to adequately inspect the pumps. This includes driving time, unlocking and unbolting the equipment and a visual inspection.

If we do this at a rate of 48 customers a day (10 minutes X 6 X 8 /60 = 8 hours/day) it would take an additional 8 employees and 8 vehicles just to achieve this goal.

At a minimum wage rate, plus added expenses for the company, with retirement etc. the salary comes to around \$10.50 an hour X 40 hours = \$420.00/week X 8 = \$3,360.00 weekly.

With the overtime of time and a half on Saturday and double time on Sunday, the added expense weekly would be \$10.50 X 1.5 = \$15.75/hr X 8 = \$126.00 X 8 workers = \$1008.00 for Saturday and \$10.50 X 2 = \$21.00/hr X 8 = \$168.00 X 8 workers = \$1,344.00 for Sunday.

The employee salary would come to a total of \$5,712.00 a week X 52 weeks = \$297,024.00/year

The added expense of 8 trucks at an average price of \$25,000 each is an additional \$200,000.00 in cost

Fuel would cost an estimated \$100.00/week X 8 trucks = \$800.00/week X 52 weeks = \$41,600.00 year

Insurance would be around \$500.00/ monthly X 12 months = \$6,000/year

So a grand total would come to a whopping cost of **\$544,624.00** for the first year and without any maintenance to the vehicles and a price of \$344,624 a year plus vehicle maintenance for the years after until trucks are once again needed.

As I stated in my original response, it isn't feasible to our customers that the amount of charges we would have increase to hire the additional employees to consider checking each of these individual grinding stations daily. That is the reason for the deviation request.

If you have any more questions, feel free to call me at (606) 757-4898

John Pierce, Manager John Pierce / Manager
Trent Underwood, Operator Trent Underwood

Garrison Water District/Garrison Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.