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September 19, 2005

Public Service Commission
Attn: Executive Director Beth O'Donnell
PO Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Case 2005-00384

Subject: Ledbetter Water and Sanitation District Board Vacancy

Dear Mrs. O'Donnell,

On September 14, 2005 Mr. Arnie Puckett's term on the Ledbetter Water and Sanitation District Board expired. I chose not to reappoint Mr. Puckett's based on his lack of attendance to meetings while we were in the process of trying to save the Ledbetter Sanitation System. The Ledbetter Sanitation System was in financial straights and had not made any loan payments in quite some time and would not have been able to make any under the current financial situation. During this time Mr. Puckett missed numerous meetings. By his account he missed 6 out of 12 meetings in 2004. Even though I have no records to the contrary, I believe it to be more than the previously stated amount.

Because of Mr. Puckett's lack of professionalism during this very difficult time I chose Mr. Jim Schade to fill the open appointment. That appointment failed in Fiscal Court on a 3 to 2 vote. No one expressed any concerns about Mr. Schade's ability to be a good board member. Mr. Schade was a member of the newly formed sanitation district (year 2004) as we worked our way to getting the sanitation under the umbrella of the Water District. He was very studious in helping us get the Sanitation District on the right path. Jim Schade is retired from Rail Services where he had a long career in the office of Rail Services. Jim has a business background and is well respected in the community of Ledbetter.

I fill that I have done everything possible to seat a new board member, but at this time we are unable to get by this impasse. Because of this, I am making you aware of the vacancy and asking the Public Service Commission to fill this appointment per KRS 74.020 (4). I can provide other candidates upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Lasher".

Chris Lasher
Livingston County Judge/Executive