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July 13, 2012

John Morgan
Hilltop Companies
Vice President-Mining Operations
One West Fourth Street
Suite 1100
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3610

RE: Hilltop Quarry Electrical Disturbances

Dear Mr. Morgan:

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JUL 16 2012
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Please be advised that this firm represents the Meade County RECC.

Mr. David Poe has discussed with me a problem which exists and which he informs me you and your agents are aware. Mr. Poe indicated that representatives of Hilltop had a conference with Meade County RECC in our offices on April 27th where it was stated that Hilltop would conduct further tests and monitor the situation to pinpoint the equipment causing the problem. According to Mr. Poe, Hilltop has never denied that the flickering situation of which our residential customers are complaining has not been caused by Hilltop's operations. This has been confirmed by our consultant, Roger Wilson, who installed two power logging devices in the area over a four – five day period and Meade County also installed a voltage logger and monitor voltage logger for several more days thereafter to verify the problem(s). A copy of three (3) complaints filed to date with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, being Case No. 2012-00310, 2012-00311 and 2012-00312 are included with this letter.

We have reviewed the applicable Kentucky Administrative Regulations and the Agreement for Retail Electric Service dated April 6, 1999 regarding the termination of electrical service with an attorney at the Kentucky Public Service Commission. We agree that Meade County RECC must give you reasonable effort to correct the problem that exists, then if you fail to comply after ten days notice, we can terminate your service.

Mr. John Morgan Page 2 July 13, 2012

If this issue is not resolved to our satisfaction by August 1, 2012, we plan to mail to you the 10 day notice letter terminating service to Hilltop.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Kentucky Public Service Commission to advise the Commission of Meade County RECC's response to the above-mentioned complaints of our customer/members.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS C. BRITE

TCB: bep/lsw

cc: Mr. Burns Mercer, President Meade County RECC P.O. Box 489 Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108

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Executive Director
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RE: Case No. 2012-00310

Burns E Mercer, President & CEO

Brandenburg, KY 40108-0489

Meade County R.E.C.C.

P. O. Box 489

(Complaints - Service) Mona Corrin Jarboe, Complainant; Meade County RECC, Defendant

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of initial filing in the above case. The filing was date-stamped received June 27, 2012 and has been assigned Case No. 2012-00310. In all future correspondence or filings in connection with this case, please reference the above case number. Public comments and responses to public comments regarding this case may be viewed on the Commission's web site at http://www.psc.ky.gov.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at (502) 564-3940.

Sincerely,

Jeff Derouen

Executive Director

Mona Corrin Jarboe 7055 Big Bend Road Battletown, KENTUCKY 40104

Burns E Mercer President & CEO Meade County R.E.C.C. P. O. Box 489 Brandenburg, KY 40108-0489

(Name of Utility)	DEFENDANT		RECEIVED JUN 27 2012
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Wherefore, complainant asks(Specifically state the relief desired.)
 We just want the electricity that we had previously to make everything run efficiently without damaging our appliances and electrical devices.
Dated at Battletown, Kentucky, this 25 days (Your City) of June 2012 (Month)
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complaints will be entertained or acted upon by the commission.

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RE: Case No. 2012-00311

(Complaints - Service) Steven L. Miles, Complainant; Meade County RECC, Defendant

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of initial filing in the above case. The filing was date-stamped received June 27, 2012 and has been assigned Case No. 2012-00311. In all future correspondence or filings in connection with this case, please reference the above case number. Public comments and responses to public comments regarding this case may be viewed on the Commission's web site at http://www.psc.ky.gov.

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Sincerely

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Steven L Miles 6750 Big Bend Road Battletown, KENTUCKY 40104

In the matter of:	
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(Your Full Name)	
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vs.	RECEIVED
Meade County RECC }	JUN 27 2012 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DEFENDANT)	Case No 2012-00311
COMPLAINT	;
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6750 BIG Bend Rd (Your Address)	Battletown Ry 40104
(Your Address)	0 1 1 1/1/200
(b) Meade County RECC (Name of Utility)	1351 BRANdenburg Ry 40108
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Steven L. MILES vs. Meade County RECE
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Dated at Bottletown Kentucky, this 25 day of June (Month) Other (Your Signature*)

*Complaints by corporations or associations, or any other organization having the right to file a complaint, must be signed by its attorney and show his post office address. No oral or unsigned complaints will be entertained or acted upon by the commission.

(Name and address of attorney, if any)

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RE: Case No. 2012-00312

(Complaints - Service)
David Ballantine Bell, Complainant; Meade County RECC, Defendant

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of initial filing in the above case. The filing was date-stamped received July 06, 2012 and has been assigned Case No. 2012-00312. In all future correspondence or filings in connection with this case, please reference the above case number. Public comments and responses to public comments regarding this case may be viewed on the Commission's web site at http://www.psc.ky.gov.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at (502) 564-3940.

Sincerely

Jeff Derouen

Executive Director

Daxid Ballantine Bell
5615 Big Bend Road
Battletown, KENTUCKY 40104

Burns E Mercer President & CEO Meade County R.E.C.C. P. O. Box 489 Brandenburg, KY 40108-0489

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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David Ballantine Bell (Your Full Name) COMPLAINANT	PUBLIC Series
vs.)	
Meade Lo. RECC) (Name of Utility) DEFENDANT)	Case No. 2012-003
COMPLAINT	
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5615 Big Boad Rd., Battle (Your Address)	four, las 40104
(b) Meade Co. RECC (Name of Utility)	
1351 Hwy 79 Bromdo (Address of Utility)	uburg, ky 40108
(c) That: <u>see Affached</u> (Describe here, attaching addition	onal sheets if necessary,
the specific act, fully and clearly	, or facts that are the reason
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COMPLAINT

Since mid-January of 2012 at least six dwellings in the Big Bend area of Meade County have received an erratic supply of electricity. I noticed this in mid-January and began calling Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative (RECC) in early February. Steve Miles (a neighbor) and I have been keeping records of problems with the electricity as well as of calls to MCRECC to let them know of those problems since then.

I've spoken with Ginny Smith of the PSC at least five times through the 3 to 4 months that this problem has continued. I've spoken with MCRECC representatives nearly 25 times in the same period. Both Mrs. Smith and Mr. Poe (RECC) have been helpful and responsible in their jobs but we still have our problems.

The problem manifests itself through rapid "flickering", and sometimes slower changes, in the intensity of light from bulbs. It ranges from rapid and barely noticeable to very intense with less frequency. It seems that in the last 6 to 8 weeks this effect has become not only more pronounced but occurs through a greater part of the day than it use to.

The effect of the inadequate supply of electricity on the light quality can be aggravating and even disorienting. Add to that thoughts of possible damage which could be occurring to our electric motors and pumps, and this problem is never out of mind.

There has been a monitor placed at the service on my house. Mr. Poe told me that there have been monitors placed above and below me on the power lines. I was also informed that there had been outside consultants involved in analyzing gathered information.

Mr. Poe has confirmed what we suspected to be the cause of our problems...that being an upgrade of equipment at Hilltop Quarry in Paradise Bottom. They are upstream from us in the flow of electricity.

Mr. Poe said that Hilltop would voluntarily try altering start-up and other usage of their new equipment; yet, our problem seems more intense, more frequent and of longer duration than it had been initially. This has continued and worsened for nearly six months.

RELIEF

Our problem is caused by an inadequate infrastructure. The infrastructure which once supported a quality supply of electricity for us, one we pay for, expect, and are accustomed to can no longer do so because of the energy demands of the upgrade at the quarry. There is no reason that the quarry should be able to go about their business while the quality of our electricity it degraded. Just as someone building a new house is responsible for infrastructure to get electricity to the site, the quarry should be responsible for the infrastructure to get

electricity to their site. This expense should be borne by the quarry and not spread out to the rest of Meade County RECC's members.

As I write this complaint, the quality of my lights continues to be compromised and the longevity of appliances, pumps, and other motors continues to be jeopardized. The intensity and frequency of the problem is increasing. There is rarely a day I am not aware of it

I have lived here for 37 years. I've paid for and been very satisfied with the service I have received from Meade County RECC. I refuse to accept as a new standard the supply of electricity I have received over the last six months.

Before the Public Service Commission

(Insert name of complainant) Complainant David Ballan we Bell))) No
Vs.) (To be inserted by the secretary)
(Insert name of each defendant) Defendant Meade Co. RECC COMPLA))) AINT
The complaint of (here insert full name of each co	omplainant) respectfully shows:
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(b) That (here insert full name, occupation an	d post office address of each defendant).
(c) That (here insert fully and clearly the spec are necessary to give a full understanding and the section or sections thereof, of whi	of the situation, and the law, order, or rule,
WHEREFORE, complainant asks (here state spec	cifically the relief desired).
Dated at Battle town, by 40104, Kenti	ucky, this day
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	(Name of each complainant)
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