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EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF NO. 807
KRS5.076 FILING FOR MONTHLY RATE INCREASE AND METER READ FEE
INCREASE REQUEST (CASE NO. 2014-00385
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRIEF ON BEHALF OF INTERVENER
CASE NO. 2014-00385

BRIEF OF INTERVENER

**KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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And true copies to Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. 9246 Main Street, Livingston, KY 40741 and P.O. Box 540 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (606)453-0019, all on this the 1ST day of April, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by

By: *Gary Mason*
GARY MASON, Pro Se,
and Intervener
2202 Cleft Rock Rd
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Introduction

I, Gary Mason, Intervener, this brief involves a request for a hearing be held about the matter of alternative tariff 807KRS5:076 monthly rate increase and meter read fee increases, Case No. 2014-00385. This order as I am only attempting to intervene on factual statements that have been stated by the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc , Kentucky Public Service Commission, and Staff Report. Also I am limited in to regard this matter or issues here as I can only present open records requests from Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc and I have been denied records occassionally from the beginning of my intervention.

Oral arguments

I'm not a lawyer and I do not want to be in oral arguments against a lawyer
However, to prove my facts and explain my disadvantages of not being able to obtain records from Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc I would like the opportunity to discuss my opinion with the Kentucky Public Service Commission

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•STATEMENT OF THE CASE

I have written and stated several times that I cannot obtain records from Eastern Rockcastle Water association to make all my arguments I have chosen issues that I feel should influence the decision of the matter of the tariff increases and monthly water rate increase and meter read fee increase. I have provided all that I have been given to me to assist me to convince the Kentucky Public Service Commission to only give Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. a 10 percent increase on the monthly rate and a 400 percent increase on the meter read fee from \$5.00 to \$25.00 And by receiving 398,000 **gallons of free water – who is receiving the money for this free water?** This 398,000 gallons figure should impact the Staff Report either in water loss or revenue displaced.

•Arguments

•I: Carolyn Hinton, ERWA Secretary Healthcare statement

Carolyn Hinton claims at Public Service Commission Hearing, March 19, 2015 that they (E.R.W.A.) didn't give ERWA employees a raise, ERWA gave them insurance is hog wash. ERWA's board gave Clerk/Hacker a \$1.00 raise after 90 days on the job from \$9.00 to \$10 00 an hour. By dropping Employee Healthcare Insurance Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. could save \$11,184.00 and give the employees an \$1.00 an hour increase costing \$4,160.00. How could this not be a real effort in reducing the expenses occurred by Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc.? I am without words to even express my concern about such thinking by the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association Board member. All expenses have to be looked into and re-discussed in an

effort to save the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc money. This is why I express that there should be ten (10) board members paying them \$25.00 a month to broaden their minds and give them a reality check. Even a \$2 00 an hour employee raise would save Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. money. This would save ERWA **\$6,968.00 a year.**

●II: TONY BULLOCK, ERWA PRESIDENT STATEMENTS AND CERTIFIED LETTERS (SEE EXHIBIT: A, B, AND C)

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. President Tony Bullock stated on March 19, 2015 what at the Public Service Commission hearing that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. has sent two or three registered letters to Livingston Water Works advising that the master meter is incorrectly registering the amount of water but the facts are nothing was said in the three letters that were mailed to Livingston Water Works about water loss and Eastern Rockcastle Water Association receiving free water from Livingston Water Works. Only one of three letters was certified. Letters covered a time period of 2012 to 2014 and were one from each President, Ballinger, McGuire, and Bullock. In other words I don't get this or understand why they would beat around the bush and say simply that the master meter needed testing per the Public Service Commission every five years. And not mention Free Water which would get Livingston Water Works attention.

●III: ERWA'S WATER INCREASE AND METER FEE INCREASE ADS (SEE EXHIBIT: F)

One time ad ran in Mt. Vernon Signal Date: 10/30/2014 Rate: 86%

Second time ad ran in Mt. Vernon Signal Date: 11/13/2014 Rate: 700%

Third time ad ran in Mt. Vernon Signal Date: 11/13/2014 Rate: 700%

Section 5 807KRS 5:076 Alternative Rate of Adjustment procedure for small utilities

This should not be allowed,

ERWA failed to publish correct percentage rate three weeks in a row.

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. failed to run correct percentage

of rate increase for meter read fee three weeks in a row. (See Exhibit: F)

*F1, F2, F3, F4, F5
F6, F7, F8*

●IV: ERWA'S TARIFF FILING CASE NO. 2014-00385

To allow Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. a monthly water rate increase of more than ten percent would allow the ERWA Board to continue allowing water run out on the ground. When Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. was questioned about records of when water lines were flushed. Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. response was a copy of statues stating lines were to be flushed once per year. Evidently Eastern Rockcastle Water Association Inc., doesn't keep records of water lines being flushed as I know of at least one line that has not been flushed but maybe once in three years, so there goes the ONE MILLION gallons allowed in the water rate increase for flushing. (See Exhibit: W)

●V: ERWA'S WATER LOSS 2013 TEST YEAR

TEST YEAR, 5,204,490 gallons of water loss for 2013 plus 398,000 gallons of free water in 2013. ERWA clerk Hacker refused to put a dollar figure on 2013's water loss stating that ERWA worked in thousands of gallons of water instead of dollar number. I can't see her depositing gallons of water at the Bank. ERWA water loss for 2013

2013 Water Loss 5,204,490

2013 Free Water 398,000

Total water gallons 5,603,490

Equals Monarch \$ ~~40,000~~ * Total Dollars

●VI: ERWA'S FREE WATER 2013 TEST YEAR

<u>Free Water</u>	<u>Line Name:</u>	<u>Gallons of Free Water:</u>
January 2013	Red Hill Line	127,000
February 2013	Red Hill Line	87,000
April 2013	Red Hill Line	14,000
June 2013	Red Hill Line	36,000
July 2013	Red Hill Line	33,000
August 2013	Red Hill Line	58,000
December 2013	Red Hill Line	9,000
	Red Hill Line Total	<u>364,000</u>
<u>Fee Water</u>	<u>Supplier Name:</u>	Gallons of Free Water
January 2013	Mt. Vernon Water	34,000
Grand Fee Water Total:		<u>398,000</u>

398,000 gallons and no certified letter even mentioning that the fact about free water inaccurate meter water flow problems. Only one letter, by President Tony Bullock was mailed to water supplier Red Hill Line or Livingston Water Works and not one letter to Mt. Vernon Water Works. As we all know we are using ERWA's numbers in this Case No. 2014-00385 including auditor, Public Service Commission Staff, and Intervener. Some of the numbers tend to raise doubt at least on my part for example:

1. ERWA Board members Carolyn Hinton's statement that \$1.00 per hour per employee would cost more than the Healthcare cost of \$15,288 dollars for the two Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc employees. \$1.00 per hour per employee would be \$4, 160.00 being \$11,120.00 less than Healthcare Insurance for two employees.
2. Another example ERWA reported to Public Service Commission water loss report for Sand Springs Line for December 2014 as 806.000 gallons, but my request for same month December 2014 showed number gallons lost as 835,567 gallons, a difference of 29,567 gallons. Numbers should be the same?

VII: ERWA clerk denial of work orders information and performance

I asked for copies of work orders to see exactly what was involved in work orders time and material wise for my objection to a 600% meter read fee. ERWA refused to supply such copies stating customer privacy but as I already know customers name and address and a list of customers of names to folks running for the ERWA Board. ERWA could have blocked out customer meter ID or customer identification numbers on the copies asked for by the intervener.

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. Clerk Hacker number of time and materials on meter read fee are excessive and could be done in a number of ways that are cheaper. Example Tickets books, ink pens, calling operator by cell phone and giving operator customer address as ERWA claims operator is constantly out in the field checking water lines and meters if meter turn on's , require payment upon time of service. Operator could fill out bill, (ticket). Clerk appears to have more time than work as shown in her number of trips to and from the banks and Post Office. Trips could be consolidated to save time and money. Clerk would have more time to do meter read work orders if necessary as all banks use and post office are within one mile and a half radius of Mt. Vernon. **(See Exhibit: 4A and 5A)**

•CONCLUSION

I ask that the tariff rate increase to be limited to ten percent and the meter read fee that previously had not been allowed to go into effect until May 20, 2015 be changed because it was never filed correctly be reexamined; and a target of 400 percent be considered in this process which has totally been handled incorrectly by Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. (See Exhibit: F from above) Quick Books should also provide a report that the clerk can use to write up tickets instead of work orders saving \$6 00 in labor and \$2.00 in work order stock. Most company's work right off of the computer generated Quick Book reports of unpaid bills.

Submitted by: Gary Mason, Gary Mason, Pro Se, and Intervener,

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See ATTACHMENTS: Ad's 2 & C1 & C2

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Eastern Rockcastle Water Association

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Phone: 606-453-0019
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February 9, 2012

Mr David Blackburn
Livingston Water Works
PO Box 654
Livingston, KY 40445

LETTER CONTAINS

NOTHING ABOUT ERWA

RECEIVING FREE WATER

AS per Bullock statement (3/19/2015)
PSC

Dear Mr. Blackburn;

The Public Service Commission has requested that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association contact you regarding the testing of the master meters serving our organization.

MEETING

According to PSC, their records show the utilities two-inch master meter was last tested in 2000 and the four-inch master meter in November of 2009, and are therefore past due for their periodic test. Per our water purchase contract, maintenance of these meters are the responsibility of the supplier. Please advise ERWA if the meters have been tested since the dates listed, and if not, we would like to request that these tests be conducted as quickly as possible

Thank you

Sincerely,

David Ballinger, President
ERWA Board of Directors

DB/ch
cc file/PSC

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association

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November 15, 2012

Mr. David Blackburn
Livingston Water Works
PO Box 654
Livingston, KY 40445

*This letter contains nothing
about ERWA receiving
Free Water as per Bullock
statement at PSC meeting
3/19/2015*

Dear Mr. Blackburn;

The Public Service Commission has requested that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association make a second request regarding the testing of the master meters serving our organization.

As our letter dated February 9, 2012 reflected, the Public Service Commission's records show that the utility's two-inch master meter was last tested in 2000 and the four-inch master meter was last tested in November of 2009, and are therefore past due for their periodic test. As the attached water purchase contract shows, maintenance of these meters is the responsibility of the supplier.

The lack of testing these meters has resulted in a violation for non-compliance from the Public Service Commission. Please advise ERWA if the meters have been tested since the dates listed, and if not, we would like to request that these tests be conducted as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael P. McGuire
ERWA Board of Directors

cc file/PSC

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association

P.O. Box 540

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Phone: 606-453-0019

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August 18, 2014

Mr. Jason Medley
Livingston Water Works
PO Box 654
Livingston, KY 40445

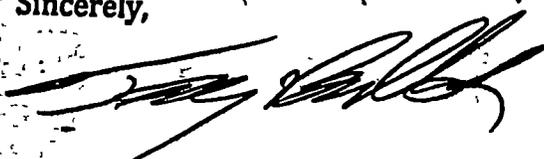
Dear Mr. Medley,

The Public Service Commission has requested that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association contact you regarding the testing of the master meter serving our organization.

According to PSC records the Red Hill master meter was last tested in 2000, which means it is absurdly past due for periodic test. Per Public Service Regulations master meters are to be tested every 5 years. As you will see in the attached water purchase contract with the City of Livingston, maintenance of these meters is the responsibility of the supplier. Please advise ERWA if this meter has been tested since the date listed, and if not, we request that this test be conducted as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tony Bullock, President
ERWA Board of Directors

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association is an equal opportunity employer and supplier.

*This letter contains nothing
about ERWA receiving
Free Water as per Bullock
statement at PSC meeting
3/19/2015*

*This is ONE AND ONLY
Letter Bullock sent*

of the test year and issues concerning Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's provision of service. As this informal conference was for the limited purpose of discussing the application for an adjustment of rates, service issues were not discussed. Only known and measurable changes to the 2013 test year were discussed. Mr. Mason was instructed to contact Consumer Services regarding any concerns he may have regarding service issues.

Mr. Mason had concerns regarding the amount of water loss. Ariel Turnbull indicated that she addressed Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's water loss in the Staff Report. She distributed a three page handout containing information that was in the Staff Report. This handout reflects that expenses for purchased water and purchased power for pumping were reduced by 14.20%, the amount of Eastern Rockcastle Water Associations' water loss above 15% during 2013. The reduction to expenses that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association is allowed to recover in rates was reduced by a total of \$15,078 because of the excess 14.20% water loss.

Mr. Mason included copies of 2014 monthly water loss reports with his response to the Staff Report. The 2014 monthly water loss reports show that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association is selling more water than is being purchased. Ms. Vinsel asked Eastern Rockcastle Water Association to explain how more water could be sold than purchased. Tony Bullock explained that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association does not produce any water. It purchases water from Jackson County Water, Mount Vernon Water, and Livingston Water Works. These three suppliers bill Eastern Rockcastle Water Association based on the readings from the master meters. The master meter for Livingston Water Works has been incorrectly under registering the amount of water flowing through the meter. Mr. Bullock stated that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association has sent two or three registered letters to Livingston Water Works advising that the master meter is incorrectly registering the amount of water flowing through the master meter. Livingston Water Works owns the master meter; therefore, Eastern Rockcastle Water Association cannot repair the master meter.

Mr. Mason further questioned the amount of water loss during 2014. Ms. Turnbull explained that the 2014 water loss cannot be considered because it occurred outside the 2013 test year. As shown in the staff report, excess water loss increases the cost of purchased water and purchased power for pumping. No other operating expenses are affected by excess water loss. The same percentage of 2013 excess water loss was reduced from the 2013 purchased water and purchased power for pumping. Because future year water loss is not a known and measurable change, accounting practices prevent taking the percentage of 2014 excess water loss to reduce 2013 purchased water and purchased power for pumping expenses.

Mr. Mason's response to the Staff Report also questioned Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's provision of health insurance coverage for its two employees. Ms. Vinsel explained that the Commission generally allows water associations to provide health insurance coverage for employees. Carolyn Hinton further explained that due to

At \$2.00 an hour for each employee would cost
ERWA \$4,160 per year A SAVINGS of \$11,128.00
over healthcare

A NUMBER of employees in Kentucky and Rockcastle County
have not had a raise in 7 years

the low salary paid to employees of Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, provision of health insurance coverage is less expensive for the utility than if the utility gave a \$1 per hour increase in salary to each employee. The utility's two employees prefer the provision of health insurance rather than a \$1 per hour increase in salary.

Ms. Vinsel then addressed Mr. Mason's concerns regarding the nonrecurring charge for the \$35 meter read fee. Mr. Mason recommended a \$25 meter read fee, but provided no cost justification to support this recommendation. The meter read fee is charged when a customer fails to read his or her meter and provide the reading to Eastern Rockcastle Water Association for two months. When a customer fails to provide the meter reading for two months, Eastern Rockcastle Water Association incurs expenses in labor, materials, and transportation to the customer's residence to read the meter. Eastern Rockcastle Water Association provided the cost justification for the \$35 meter read fee. The customer who fails to report the reading on his or her meter for two months is appropriately charged the \$35 for labor, material, and transportation expenses as the customer is the one responsible for Eastern Rockcastle Water Association incurring the labor, material, and transportation expenses to read that customer's meter. Otherwise, Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's other rate payers are subsidizing the customer who failed to report the reading for his or her meter for two months. Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's application of the meter read fee complies with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9(1) which states "A utility may make special nonrecurring charges to recover customer-specific costs incurred that would otherwise result in monetary loss to the utility or increased rates to other customers to whom no benefits accrue from the service provided or action taken"

Mr. Mason stated that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's notice contained the incorrect percentage increase for the meter read fee. A review of the record indicates that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association published a new notice with a revised percentage increase.

AT 700% which is wrong correct percent is 600%

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association indicated in its response that it did not desire a hearing. Ms. Vinsel informed Mr. Mason that if he desired a hearing, he needed to submit a request for a hearing within two weeks of the date of the informal conference. In his request for a hearing, Mr. Mason needs to state the reasons why he believes a hearing is necessary. Ms. Vinsel and Ann Ramser both informed Mr. Mason that the reasons for the hearing need to be related to Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's application for the rate adjustment. Service related issues cannot be considered in this case, pursuant to statutes and regulations that govern a rate case before the Commission.

Mr. Mason indicated that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association was delaying responses to his open records requests. Ms. Vinsel advised Mr. Mason that open records request are outside of the Commission's discovery process. Any issue regarding an open records request should be directed to the Attorney General's office

(c) The information required in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall not be removed until the commission issues a final decision on the application

(2) Customer Notice

(a) If a utility has twenty (20) or fewer customers, it shall mail a written notice to each customer no later than the date on which the application is submitted to the commission

(b) If a utility has more than twenty (20) customers, it shall provide notice by

1 Including notice with customer bills mailed no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission,

2 Mailing a written notice to each customer no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission,

3 Publishing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a prominent manner in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area, the first publication to be made no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission, or

4 Publishing notice in a trade publication or newsletter delivered to all customers no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission

(c) A utility that provides service in more than one (1) county may use a combination of the notice methods listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection

(3) Proof of Notice A utility shall file with the commission no later than forty-five (45) days from the date the application was initially submitted to the commission

(a) If notice is mailed to its customers, an affidavit from an authorized representative of the utility verifying the contents of the notice, that notice was mailed to all customers, and the date of the mailing;

(b) If notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in a utility's service area, an affidavit from the publisher verifying the contents of the notice, that the notice was published, and the dates of the notice's publication, or

(c) If notice is published in a trade publication or newsletter delivered to all customers, an affidavit from an authorized representative of the utility verifying the contents of the notice, the mailing of the trade publication or newsletter, that notice was included in the publication or newsletter, and the date of mailing

(4) Notice Content Each notice issued in accordance with this section shall contain

(a) The date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the commission,

(b) The present rates and proposed rates for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply,

(c) The amount of the change requested in both dollar amounts and percentage change for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply,

(d) The amount of the average usage and the effect upon the average bill for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply,

(e) A statement that a person may examine this application at the offices of (utility name) located at (utility address),

(f) A statement that a person may examine this application at the commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8 00 a m to 4 30 p m , or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>,

(g) A statement that comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through the commission's Web site or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602,

(h) A statement that the rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by (utility name) but that the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice,

(i) A statement that a person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party, and

(j) A statement that if the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the commission may take final action on the application

Section 6. Except as provided in 807 KAR 5 001, Section 8(2), an applicant shall not be required to provide the commission with advance notice of its intent to file an application for rate adjustment using the procedure established in this administrative regulation

Section 7 Effective Date of Proposed Rates (1) An applicant shall not place the proposed rates into effect until the commission has issued an order approving those rates or six (6) months from the date of filing of its application, whichever occurs first

(2) If the commission has not issued its order within six (6) months from the date of filing of the application, the applicant may place its proposed rates in effect subject to refund upon providing the commission with written notice of its intent to place the rates into effect

(3) The applicant shall maintain its records in a manner to enable it, or the commission, to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom a refund is due if the commission orders a refund

Section 8. Amendment of Proposed Rates (1) Except if responding to the findings set forth in a commission staff report filed in accordance with Section 11 of this administrative regulation, an applicant shall not amend the proposed rates set forth in its application unless the applicant

(a) Files written notice of the proposed amendment with the commission, and

(b) Publishes notice of the amended proposed rates in the manner provided in Section 5 of this administrative regulation

(2) An applicant shall not place amended proposed rates into effect until the commission has issued an order approving those rates or six (6) months from the date of filing of the written notice of proposed amendment, whichever occurs first

(3) If the commission has not issued an order within six (6) months from the date of filing of the notice of amended proposed rates, the applicant may place the amended proposed rates in effect subject to refund upon providing the commission with written notice of its intent to place the rates into effect but shall maintain its records in a manner to enable it, or the commission, to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom a refund is due if the commission orders a refund

Section 9 Test Period The reasonableness of the proposed rates shall be determined using a twelve (12) month historical test period, adjusted for known and measureable changes, that coincides with the reporting period of the applicant's annual report for the immediate past year

Section 10 Discovery (1) The minimum discovery available to intervening parties shall be as prescribed by this subsection

(a) A party in the proceeding may serve written requests for information upon the applicant within twenty-one (21) days of an order permitting that party to intervene in the proceeding

(b) Upon serving requests upon the applicant, the party shall file a copy of the party's requests with the commission and serve a copy upon all other parties

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I, Perlina Anderkm, of the Mount Vernon Signal, do hereby
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Date: <u>11-27-14</u>	Page <u>B3</u>	Col. <u>3-6</u>

Signature Perlina Anderkm

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of December,
 20 14.

Notary Public Paige Bengel
 My commissioner expires 1-17-16

important roadway conditions are to Kentucky motorists, especially during winter storms," Neely said "That's why our highway crews often spend long hours away from home to keep road-

salvato Army and our media partners, you will also help make this impactful program a success. Serving Madison, Rockcastle, Lee, Jackson and Estill counties

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LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING THE EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. will increase its rates for services rendered on and after January 1, 2015. An application has been filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to increase rates as follows:

<u>MONTHLY WATER RATES</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>3/4-Inch Meter</u>				
First 2,000 Gallons	\$23.82 Minimum Bill	\$31.33 Minimum Bill	\$7.51	31.53%
Over 2,000 Gallons	9.71 per 1,000 Gallons	11.91 per 1,000 Gallons	2.20	22.66%
<u>1-Inch Meter</u>				
First 5,000 Gallons	\$52.95 Minimum Bill	\$67.06 Minimum Bill	\$14.11	26.65%
Over 5,000 Gallons	9.71 per 1,000 Gallons	11.91 per 1,000 Gallons	2.20	22.66%
<u>2-Inch Meter</u>				
First 15,000 Gallons	\$150.05 Minimum Bill	\$186.16 Minimum Bill	\$36.11	24.07%
Over 15,000 Gallons	9.71 per 1,000 Gallons	11.91 per 1,000 Gallons	2.20	22.66%
	<u>Average Usage</u>	<u>Total Impact on Average Bill</u>		
3/4-Inch Meter	2900 Gallons	\$9.49	29.15%	
1-Inch Meter	There are no customers currently on this rate schedule			
2-Inch Meter	1600 Gallons	\$36.11	24.07%	

Notice is also given that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. filed with the Commission to increase its meter read fee effective December 1, 2014. The meter read fee will go from \$5 to \$35, which is an increase of \$30.00 or 700%.

Any person may examine these filings at the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. office located at 9246 Main St., Livingston, KY 40445; telephone (606) 453-0019.

Any person may examine these filings at the PSC located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone (502) 564-3940.

Any person may submit comments regarding these filings by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc. but PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. The request for intervention must establish the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

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Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc.

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Brodhead City Clerk, Rebecca Bussell

Alyssa Baron, Davany Bullock, Mackenzie Carpenter, Shala Couch, Victoria Dykes, Clayton Flannery, Valarie Gibbons, Alyssa Hodge, Jacob King, Zachary King, Hannah Kirby, Jacob Leger, Brooke Renner, Tamith Slusher,

Isabel Mills
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Caleb By
Edwards, Hal
Brooklyn
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Arianna Hc
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Grace Reams
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Jeremiah M
Landon Reppert.
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Carley Carter
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Raychel C
Noah Phillips,
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MT Vernon Signal NOTICE *10/30/2014*

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SPECIAL NON-RECURRING CHARGES

Description	Existing	Proposed	\$ Change	Change
Meter Read Fee	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	86%

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 Jeremiah Mikeworth,
 Landon Reppert
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 Carley Carter, Jaeleigh
 Hayes, Abigail Jones
White
Principal's List
 Raychel Carpenter,
 Noah Phillips, Kelsey
 Rowe
Honor Roll
 Deanna Lunsford, Lilly
 Madden, Ryder Robinson
Fourth Grade
 Alexander
Principal's List
 Logen Dykes
Honor Roll
 Kaylee Cameron,
 Danielle Cromer, Riley

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10/30/2014 F4

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EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION
 s/ Tony Bullock, President

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MT. Vernon Signal

11/6/2014

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Meter Read FEE

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of Haupt Industries are being reviewed, and the project is anticipated to cost between \$4 million and \$6 million. Fundraising endeavors have begun, with construction starting once the total amount has been raised.

8 In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required

9 The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Clerk

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TRADING Co.

US 25 South on the Rockcastle River or
just off Exit 49 on I-75, left then left again

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IF they do not Keep Records how do they
Know what lines have been flushed

IF switch operators, they don't
know what's been flushed or when

ERWA is allowed
ONE MILLION GALLONS
on Rate Increase for flushing
purposes

Section 8. Distribution Mains. (1) Depth of mains. Water mains shall be placed a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches below ground level and shall be protected sufficiently to prevent freezing during the coldest weather normally experienced in the community in which laid, and to prevent damage by traffic.

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Exhibit: C1

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Monthly Water Loss Report

Water Utility: EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION - SANDSPRINGS LINE

For the Month of: December Year: 2014

LINE #	ITEM	GALLONS (Omit 000's)
1	WATER PRODUCED, PURCHASED & DISTRIBUTED	
2	Water Produced	
3	Water Purchased	1,547
4	TOTAL PRODUCED AND PURCHASED	1,547
5		
6	WATER SALES	
7	Residential	740
8	Commercial	
9	Industrial	
10	Bulk Loading Stations	
11	Wholesale	
12	Other Sales	
13	TOTAL WATER SALES	740 47.8%
14		
15	OTHER WATER USED	
16	Utility and/or Water Treatment Plant	
17	Wastewater Plant	
18	System Flushing	1
19	Fire Department	
20	Other	
21	TOTAL OTHER WATER USED	1 0.1%
22		
23	WATER LOSS	
24	Tank Overflows	
25	Line Breaks	
26	Line Leaks	806
27	Other	
28	TOTAL LINE LOSS	806 52.1%
29		
30	Note: Line 13 + Line 21 + Line 28 Must Equal Line 4	
31		
32	WATER LOSS PERCENTAGE	
33	Unaccounted-For Water (Line 28 divided by Line 4)	52.1%

December 17 request "C2"

Exhibit: C2

EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER

LEAK FOUND BY ERWA OPERATOR

LEAK REPAIRED BY ERWA OPERATOR

WATER LOSS SANDSPRINGS

DEC 2014-835567

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Mileage Record - 2014

Rebecca Hacker

Month	Day	Miles	Amt/mile	Total	
JUNE	4	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Attorney Office
JUNE	5	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Post Office and Banks
JUNE	17	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Post Office and Banks (Transfer money to cover
JUNE	18	18	\$ 0.46	\$8.28	Turn Michael McGuire meter on Ross&Co. check)
JUNE	19	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Post Office and Banks
JUNE	24	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Mail bills
JUNE	26	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Post Office and Banks
JUNE	27	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Letter to Citizens Bank
JUNE	30	20	\$ 0.46	\$9.20	Post Office and Banks
Total:				\$81.88	

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Mileage Record - 2014

Rebecca Hacker

Month	Day	Miles	Amt/mile	Total	
July	3	20	\$ 0.48	\$9.60	Post Office and Banks
July	10	20	\$ 0.48	\$9.60	Post Office and Banks
July	16	20	\$ 0.48	\$9.60	Mail late notices
July	17	20	\$ 0.48	\$9.60	Post Office and Banks
July	23	20	\$ 0.48	\$9.60	Post Office and Banks
July	29	20	\$ 0.48	\$9.60	Mail bills
July	31	20	\$ 0.48	\$9.60	Post Office and Banks
Total:				\$67.20	

April 1, 2015

I, Gary Mason, Intervener request a hearing in front of the Public Service Commission regarding Tariff Filing (807-KAR-5:076) Meter Read rate hike and Water rate increase on Case No. 2014-00385.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Mason". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Signature of Intervener

2202 Cleft Rock Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

(606)256-5521