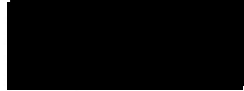


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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I would like to send you this letter concerning Martin County Water District Case No. 2016-00142.

As I am sure that you know, I am a Big Advocate for Clean & Affordable Water For Martin County. I have been closely following the issues as well as the Kentucky Public Service Commission's involvement.

If you would have asked my thoughts during the first half of 2018 I would have advised what you are now Proposing however, a lot has changed in a year. You gave the New Water Board an opportunity to display an ability to turn things around. I as a paying customer of the Water District & resident of Martin County feel that they are doing just that. The Water Board, Under Jimmy Don Kerr's Leadership, have made great strides in a short time, in comparison to the roughly 2 decades that it took to get in such deplorable shape. I discuss the water crisis with the Martin County Water Board, Martin County Concerned Citizens, State & Local Politicians in an effort to get Martin County Water District where I would like to see it. We have goals, plans, and are working diligently to see this become a reality in a way that doesn't put any more of the burden on the already struggling people of Martin County. I feel that the Water District has done exactly what has been asked of them and has the ability to become a thriving business over the next couple of years if the Public Service Commission will allow them to do just that (With oversight).

I feel that both Outside Management & Receivership are absolutely not the right course of action at this time. We are currently paying one of the higher rates for water in the state of Kentucky. We are already strapped to pay the current rates. I feel that any plan for our water that equals in for profit is not taking into consideration the human side of this issue.

We are aware that much work needs to be done to repair the many issues that our Water District is facing but, I feel confident that if given the opportunity to do so the Water Board has the ability to do so as quickly as any outsider. We the residents of Martin County want to retain ownership in our water.

Thank you for your time. & consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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