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Columbus, Ohio 43215

October 24, 2016

Dr. Talina Mathews
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

RE: Case No. 2016-00375

Dear Dr. Mathews:

On October 13, 2016 the City of Hindman, Kentucky ("Hindman") advertised for bids for a natural gas franchise. A copy of the advertisement is attached. Also attached are an original and ten copies of Columbia's application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to bid on the subject franchise.

Hindman has established November 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. as the deadline for bids. Columbia respectfully requests the Commission's prompt attention to the attached application so that Columbia may submit a timely bid.

Please contact Judy Cooper at (859) 288-0242 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brooke E. Wancheck".

Brooke E. Wancheck, Asst. General Counsel
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Alice Lloyd College Athletics welcomes three members to Hall of Fame Class of 2016

On Saturday, October 8, 2016, Alice Lloyd College welcomed



the college's assistant baseball coach to Scott Cornett, as well as the supervisor of the campus swimming pool. While at ALC, he had the opportunity to coach numerous all-conference performers. He ably served in that capacity for 15 years before retiring in 2015.

His coaching career (which hasn't ended) spans approximately 42 years on various levels of skill development, while his playing career encompasses every level through semipro.

Currently, he resides in Hueysville, where he is semi-retired and serves his community as an Environmental Engineer Consultant. He also is the assistant baseball coach at Allen Central High School.

Douglas B. Clark hails

and junior seasons saw him continue his steady play, as he easily batted over .300 in each season. His senior year saw his game explode to a completely rare level, as he batted an eye-opening .438 to finish among the conference's elite batsmen. In addition to playing a solid first base, he showed his versatility by appearing in 13 games on the mound and garnered 5 important saves for his team. For his incredible season, he was selected second team-All Conference, and is easily considered as one of the top ten hitters to ever wear the Eagle pinstripes.

Currently, he resides in Pippa Passes and is the owner of Sports World in Hazard.

Kerry L. Hill hails from Hazard and attended Alice

Lloyd from 1985-1988 where he majored in Education. He was a

to his athletic achievements, he was also a solid student who remained on the Dean's list. His career highs were 35 points and 17 rebounds, and he is considered as one of the finest all-around big men to wear the Eagles uniform.

Currently, he resides in Independence, KY and is employed by the Campbell County Board of Education where he has served his community in the field of education for the past 28 years. He was the Assistant Superintendent of Campbell County Schools before retiring, and he recently came out of retirement to serve as the Transportation Director for the Campbell County school system.

KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT POSITION AVAILABLE GRANT WRITER / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Kentucky River Area Development District, an eight county p... is accepting applications for a Grant Writer / Community Development Director of the Board of Directors.

- Have good working knowledge of computers and software applications
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Possess good written and oral communication skills
- Knowledge of reporting and record keeping requirements
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with elected officials

To apply, submit a resume and references by November 4th to the District, PO Box 239, 941 N. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hazard, KY 42528. kradd.org. Phone: 606-436-3158-Fax: 606-436-3154.

Attend Church this Sunday!



PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals
This is to give notice that the UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY structure Investment Program (HIIP) grant from Health Resources (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) TUCKY proposes to renovate an existing 10990 sq. ft. clinic building roof and flooring throughout. The clinic is located at 59 Cowt... The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that per Executive Management, the UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY recognizes that within the 100-year floodplain and that the UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY this is the only practicable alternative for this project. The University and moving to a new location is not financially feasible. No other floodplain are proposed. The UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY or local floodplain protection standards. The action will not affect actions are necessary.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting: UNIVE Robert Kjelland, Director, Environmental Management Department, KY 40506-0490, 859-257-3285, Robert.kjelland@uky.edu. Written comments on the proposed action and potential impact: ted to the following address on or before October 28, 2016: UJ Attn: Robert Kjelland, Director, Environmental Management Department, Lexington, KY 40506-0490, 859-257-3285, Robert.kjelland@uky

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
KNOTT CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-CI-00138

U.S. BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR SASS MUNI V DTR
ASSUMED NAME FOR SASS MUNI V DTR, LLC
N/K/A MUNI V, LLC

VS: NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER

GARY LEE SEALS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
GARY LEE SEALS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
OF 598 COLLINS BRANCH ROAD, PINETOP,
KENTUCKY 41843; TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING,
LLC; BLUESHINE, LLC; VANDERBILT MORTGAGE &
FINANCE, INC.; CMH OF KY, INC. D/B/A CLAYTON
MOBILE HOMES OF CORBIN; and COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF KNOTT BY AND ON

NOTICE OF SALE OF GAS FRANCHISE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Hindman, Kentucky, will on November 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at City Hall, 10 Professor Clarke Circle, Hindman, Kentucky, consider offers for sale to the highest and best bidder, plus all costs including advertising cost, a franchise as defined in Ordinance No. 16-03, adopted by the Hindman City Council on September 6, 2016, the full text of which Ordinance is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 10 Professor Clarke Circle, Hindman, Kentucky, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-03

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING FOR BID A NON-EXCLUSIVE GAS FRANCHISE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALE OF GAS FOR HEATING AND OTHER PURPOSES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF HINDMAN FOR AN INITIAL TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH UP TO TWO (2) ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS OF TIME OF FIVE (5) YEARS EACH, IMPOSING A FRANCHISE FEE OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF EACH FRANCHISEE'S GROSS ANNUAL REVENUES FROM THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND DELIVERY OF GAS WITHIN THE CITY OF HINDMAN; ALL EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF PASSAGE.

Sealed bids are to be delivered to Arlene Gibson, City Clerk, City Hall, 10 Professor Clarke Circle, Hindman, Kentucky, to be publicly opened and read at 11 a.m. on November 1, 2016.

The City of Hindman reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise, and to accept what, in its opinion, is the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bid which is in the best interest of, and most advantageous to the City.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
KNOTT CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-CI-00305

TAXCO, LLC

PLAINTIFF

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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO BID ON A GAS) Case No. 2016- 00375
DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE IN THE)
CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF)
HINDMAN, KENTUCKY.)

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

The petition of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") respectfully
states:

(A) That applicant is engaged in the business of furnishing natural gas
services to the public in certain counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pur-
suant to authority granted by the Commission.

(B) That applicant's full name and post office address is:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
2001 Mercer Road
P.O. Box 14241
Lexington, KY 40512-4241

(C) That Columbia's Articles of Incorporation previously have been filed with the Commission in Case No. 2013-00066 and are incorporated herein by reference.

(D) That Columbia is furnishing gas distribution service in the franchise area as of the date of the filing of this Application.

(E) Attached hereto is Ordinance No. 16-03 passed at the September 6, 2016, Regular Council Meeting of the City of Hindman, Kentucky ("Hindman"). Said minutes reflect the decision of Hindman to advertise for bids for a natural gas franchise. Said advertisement was by legal notice published in the *Troublesome Creek Times* on October 13, 2016.

(F) The need and demand for gas distribution service within the corporation limits of Hindman is shown by the fact that Columbia serves approximately 156 customers in the city at the present time. There exists a public necessity for adequate service of natural gas to the citizens of Hindman, Kentucky.

(G) Columbia desires to acquire said franchise for gas distribution service in Hindman and submit a bid pursuant to Hindman's published legal notice.

WHEREFORE, Columbia respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission make its order issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity that authorizes Columbia to acquire a gas distribution franchise from Hindman, for the reasons described herein.

Dated at Columbus, Ohio, this 24th day of October 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

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ATTACHMENT

**Ordinance No. 16-03
September 6, 2016**

ORDINANCE NO. 16-03

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING FOR BID A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS FOR HEATING AND OTHER PURPOSES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF HINDMAN FOR AN INITIAL TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH UP TO TWO (2) ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS OF TIME OF FIVE (5) YEARS EACH, IMPOSING A FRANCHISE FEE OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF EACH FRANCHISEE'S GROSS ANNUAL REVENUES FROM THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY OF GAS WITHIN THE CITY OF HINDMAN; ALL EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF PASSAGE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HINDMAN:

Section 1 - There is hereby created a non-exclusive franchise to acquire, lay, maintain and operate in the public streets, alleys, avenues, public roads, highways, sidewalks and other public ways of the City of Hindman (hereinafter the "Rights-of-way"), a system of mains, pipes, fixtures and appliances for the transmission, distribution and sale of gas for heating and other purposes, subject to all the provisions of this Ordinance and any franchise agreement entered into pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance. This Ordinance does not excuse the franchisee from complying with any and all existing and future local laws and ordinances, as may be amended

Section 2 - The person, firm or corporation that shall become the purchaser of said franchise, or any successor or assignee of such person, shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Company" or "Franchisee". The City of Hindman shall hereinafter be referred to as "Hindman", or the "Government".

Section 3 - The Company acquiring this franchise shall have the right and privilege of laying, maintaining and operating gas mains and pipes, equipment and apparatus, and appurtenances necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, in, along and under the Rights-of-way within the corporate boundaries of Hindman as they now exist or may hereafter be extended

(referred to herein as "System" or "Facilities"); subject to the provisions hereof and to all powers (including police power) inherent in, conferred upon, or reserved to Hindman.

Section 4 – In the operation of its System as it relates to the rights conferred by this franchise, the Company shall conform to at least the minimum standards or requirements contained in federal or state law or regulation related to transportation of gas and liquids by pipeline. In addition to complying with all of the requirements contained in federal or state law or regulation, the Company agrees that:

(a) All working facilities and conditions used during construction, installation and maintenance of Facilities under this franchise shall comply with the standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration;

(b) It shall construct and operate the System and Facilities under this franchise in accordance with all generally accepted related industry codes and standards that are applicable;

(c) It guarantees the first-class quality of all construction and of all materials and equipment used or installed under this franchise. In case of any defect in the work, materials or equipment, whether latent or patent, the Company will forthwith remedy such defects without cost to Hindman; and

(d) In the construction or reconstruction or maintenance or removal of any of said Facilities, the Company shall have due regard for the rights of Hindman and others, and shall not interfere with, or in any way injure the property of Hindman or others lawfully under, on, or above the Right-of-way. The Company shall comply with all the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Hindman as to placing lights, danger signals or warning signs and shall be liable for any and all damage that may arise by reason of its failure or neglect to comply with such laws. Work by the Company hereunder shall be done in a workmanlike manner and so as not to unnecessarily interfere with public use of the Rights-of-way.

Section 5 – (a) The Company shall abide by the City's ordinances and regulations.. Hindman reserves the right to amend these requirements at any time upon reasonable notice to the Company.

(b) However, in the event of an emergency, the Company may disturb, excavate or other make use of the Rights-of-way without first obtaining written permission of the City Engineer , or his or her lawful designee, provided such person is notified within five (5) days of such work with the time, date, location and extent of the work performed.

(c) If Hindman constructs, reconstructs, repairs, maintains, or alters any street or other municipal public works within the Rights-of-way, and, to accommodate such work Hindman orders the Company to relocate its Facilities that are located within the Rights-of way and not within a pre-existing easement or other right in favor of the Company, that are interfering with such work, then the Company shall, at its own expense, change or relocate its Facilities so as to not interfere with the work to be performed. In the event the Company makes such a change or relocation, then any additional change or relocation pursuant to a subsequent order by Hindman to change or relocate the same Facilities shall not be at the Company's expense. Prior to any change or relocation, the Company shall be given access to all street plans, construction plans, and other specifications for the work.

(d) Prior to Hindman paving or repaving any street, Hindman shall provide the Company with reasonable advance written notice so the Company may make any changes, repairs, maintenance, installations, relocations, replacements or improvements of its own Facilities beneath the proposed paving prior to such paving. In the event the Company refrains from performing such work, it shall thereafter be precluded from doing so, except for emergencies, for a period of one (1) year following the paving. Within the one (1) year period, any work may be made

in the unpaved area of the street and shall not disturb the new pavement unless permission is granted from the Hindman Director of Public Works.

Section 6 - The Company may be required to provide a performance guarantee for significant projects with construction costs of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more involving the Rights-of-way. This performance guarantee shall be set in an amount and duration to be determined by Hindman upon discussing and verifying the scope of such a project with the Company, and shall be in favor of Hindman to be issued by an entity subject to jurisdiction and venue in Kentucky. In no event shall the total cumulative amount of such performance guarantee exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance or by law.

Section 7 - As consideration for the granting of this franchise, the Company agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Hindman from liability on account of injuries or damages to persons or property arising out of the construction, maintenance, repair or operation of its System, and in the event of lawsuit brought against Hindman, the Company shall defend Hindman at the cost of the Company. The obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless does not include defending, indemnifying, and holding harmless Hindman for its own negligent acts or intentional acts or the negligence or acts of its employees, contractors or agents.

Section 8 - The Company shall comply with all applicable federal, state or local non-discrimination and affirmative action requirements of any laws, regulations and executive directives, and shall not discriminate in its employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or physical handicap.

Section 9 - The Company agrees to procure and maintain throughout the term of any franchise agreement awarded pursuant to this Ordinance and any extension thereof, commercial general liability insurance in the principal amount of at least One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) per

occurrence with a Two Million Dollar (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate, with an insurance company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with the provision, "it is agreed and understood that the City of Hindman, its agents, employees, officers and elected officials, as their interests may appear, are additional insureds, in the same manner as if a separate policy had been issued, under the provision of the policies required to be issued during the term of this franchise or as otherwise required by this Ordinance." All insurance policies shall be broad form in nature and shall be through a company with an A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, admitted to do business in Kentucky, and the contract shall be non-cancelable without at least thirty (30) days advance written notice by registered mail to Hindman from the insurance company.

Section 10 – (a) Hindman, through its Mayor or his designee, or through such assistants as Hindman may employ or designate, may, at all reasonable times and under reasonable conditions with prior notice, have access to all or any of the property owned or used in part or in whole by the Company in its operating and maintaining the System under this franchise and located within the Rights-of-way. In like manner, Hindman's above-mentioned officers and assistants may at all reasonable times and under reasonable conditions with prior notice, inspect, examine or verify all or any of the accounts, books, records, contracts, documents or papers of the Company relating to gross revenues in the City of Hindman in order to audit and recompute any amounts determined to be payable under this Ordinance consistent with the provisions of Section 20(b) of this Ordinance. In the event that Hindman determines that it desires an audit of this franchise, the Company agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of Hindman pertaining to obtaining any necessary information or documentation from the Company reasonably necessary to the administration of this franchise, subject to any reasonable confidentiality agreement.

(b) The Company agrees further to furnish the Mayor or his designee timely written notice of its filing an application with the Public Service Commission for an increase in

general rates or change in its billing practices concurrent with said filing. Should Hindman choose to intervene in the Commission action, the Company shall not oppose such intervention, and Hindman shall be given access to records related to said application, as required by the Commission.

(c) The Company agrees to provide Hindman with information pertaining to its provision of services pursuant to this franchise upon reasonable request. This shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, attending official public meeting(s) at which some or all the Councilmembers are in attendance in order to provide such information upon reasonable advanced notice) and providing an annual update to the Council upon its request.

Section 11 - (a) The franchise hereby created shall be for an initial period of ten (10) years from the date of acceptance by Hindman.

(b) This franchise may be renewed for up to two (2) additional terms not to exceed five (5) years each upon the request of the Company and the approval of the request by Hindman. The request shall be made in writing to Hindman at least one hundred eighty (180) days, but no earlier than one (1) year, in advance of the termination date of the Company's franchise agreement. The ultimate decision of whether to grant an additional franchise term shall solely be that of the Government.

(c) This franchise is not exclusive, and the Government reserves the right to grant similar franchises to more than one Company. All franchises awarded pursuant to this Ordinance are intended to terminate at the same time. Therefore any other Company awarded a franchise pursuant to this Ordinance shall only be awarded a franchise that is equal in duration to the remaining term of the initial franchise(s).

(d) This franchise creates no vested rights in the Company and any installation or emplacement of Facilities by the Company in the Rights-of-way is at the Company's risk. If the Company is not granted a new or extended franchise upon the expiration of the term for which the franchise is granted, or if the Company's franchise is terminated or cancelled, as provided for herein, Hindman shall have the right to require the Company to remove at its own expense all portions of the system from all Rights-of-way within the confines of the City of Hindman. The Company shall be provided a reasonable time within which to remove its facilities.

(e) No assignment of this franchise or the System subject to this franchise shall take place without at least sixty (60) days advance written notice to Hindman, and consent by Hindman, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event that such an assignment is subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, the Company agrees not to object to Hindman's intervention in any action before the Public Service Commission on this subject.

(f) The Company shall not object to Hindman's intervention in any action before the Public Service Commission involving the transfer of control of the Company.

(g) In the event that the Company, or its parent entity, announces through a public filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or other public agency filing, that a majority, or more, of the assets of the Company, are available for sale to the public separate and apart from the sale or transfer involving additional companies or assets owned by a parent entity and that such sale involves the seeking of publicly solicited bids for such Company's assets, the Company shall notify Hindman in writing within ten (10) business days of such filing. Hindman shall then be provided a period of time not less than the period of time allowed by any other potential bidder, and in accordance with the procedure set forth by the Company, to determine whether it wishes to make an offer on the assets that become available for sale and submit its offer. However, such right to make an offer shall not preclude other parties from making offers, nor

does such an offer create an obligation on the Company to accept such offer or delay a sale or transfer of the assets nor is this provision intended to prevent the Company, its Board of Directors and its officers from exercising their regulatory and fiduciary duties in the decision to accept, reject, modify or alter any offer submitted by any bidder or to amend or withdraw the procedure established for the solicitation of such bids. Hindman recognizes that the terms of this section are applicable only in the event that bids are publicly solicited according to this section.

Section 12 - (a) If, after the Company is provided the opportunity to appear and present evidence before Hindman's Mayor or his designee, Hindman determines that the Company has violated any of the following provisions of this Ordinance, the following penalties shall be recoverable. The above-determination, which must be in writing and provide the basis for the decision, shall be the final administrative decision, which may be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(1) For failure to complete any construction project by no later than the ending term of any franchise awarded pursuant to this Ordinance or any extension thereof, the Company shall forfeit five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day or part thereof that the violation continues; in lieu of a penalty, the Company may post a performance bond, letter of credit or other surety acceptable to Hindman in an amount sufficient to complete such construction projects. This section shall not apply to any projects for which performance bonds or other surety is already pledged.

(2) For failure to provide data and reports requested by Hindman and as required by this Ordinance the Company shall forfeit one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day or part thereof that the violation continues.

(3) For failure to pay the franchise fee when due pursuant to Section 19 of this Ordinance, or any itemized bill presented by Hindman pursuant to Section 5 of this Ordinance or this section, the Company shall forfeit one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day or part thereof that

the violation continues. However, this provision shall not apply if interest is assessed by Hindman pursuant to Section 20(c).

(4) For failure to comply with the provisions of Section 5 of this Ordinance, the Company shall forfeit one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day or part thereof that the violation continues.

(b) If the Company fails to comply within thirty (30) days of any Hindman City Council resolution directing compliance with any other provisions of this Ordinance, the Company shall forfeit one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day or part thereof that the violation continues. The decision of the Council may be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) The Company shall not be excused from complying with any of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance by any failure of Hindman, upon any one or more occasions, to insist upon the Company's performance or to seek the Company's compliance with any one or more of such terms or conditions. Payment of penalties shall not excuse non-performance under this Ordinance. The right of Hindman to seek and collect penalties as set forth in this section is in addition to its right to terminate and cancel as set forth in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

Section 13 - At all times and under all circumstances the Company shall be obligated to do everything reasonably within its power to ensure that its customers in the City of Hindman receive uninterrupted service, unless such customer has elected interruptible service

Section 14 - (a) In addition to all other rights and powers pertaining to Hindman by virtue of the franchise or otherwise, Hindman, by and through its City Council, reserves the right to terminate and cancel any franchise awarded pursuant to this Ordinance and all rights and privileges of the Company hereunder in the event that the Company:

(1) Willfully violates any material provision of the franchise or any material rule, order, or determination of Hindman made pursuant to the franchise, except where such violation is without fault or through excusable neglect, including but not limited to cases of force majeure;

(2) Willfully attempts to evade any material provision of the franchise or practices any fraud or deceit upon Hindman;

(3) Knowingly makes a material misrepresentation of any fact in the application, proposal for renewal, or negotiation of the franchise; or

(4) Fails to begin service restoration following seventy-two (72) consecutive hours of interrupted service, except when approval of such interruption is obtained from Hindman. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In cases of force majeure or acts beyond the Company's control approval shall be granted. The Company shall provide, at a minimum, daily restoration status reports.

(b) Prior to attempting to terminate or cancel this franchise pursuant to this section, Hindman shall make a written demand that the Company do or comply with any such provision, rule, order or determination. If the alleged violation of Section 14(a), by the Company continues for a period of thirty (30) days following such written demand without written proof that the corrective action has been taken or is being actively and expeditiously pursued, Hindman may place its request for termination of the franchise as early as the next regular City Council meeting agenda. Hindman shall cause to be served upon Company, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such City Council meeting, a written notice of intent to request such termination and the time and place of the meeting, legal notice of which shall be published in accordance with any applicable laws.

(b) If the violation, found in Section 14(a) of this Ordinance, by the Company continues for a period of thirty (30) days following such written demand without written proof that

the corrective action has been taken or is being actively and expeditiously pursued, Hindman may place its request for termination of the franchise as early as the next regular City Council meeting agenda. The Government shall cause to be served upon Company, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such City Council meeting, a written notice of intent to request such termination and the time and place of the meeting, legal notice of which shall be in accordance with any applicable laws.

(1) The Hindman City Council shall consider the request of the Government and shall hear any person interested therein, and shall determine in its reasonable discretion, whether or not any alleged violation by the Company occurred or was with just cause.

(2) If such violation by the Company is found to have been with just cause, the City Council shall direct the Company to comply therewith within such time and manner and upon such terms and conditions as are just and reasonable.

(3) If the City Council determines such violation by the Company was without just cause, then the City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, declare that the franchise of the Company shall be terminated and forfeited unless there is compliance by the Company within such period as the City Council may fix.

Section 15 - The Company shall provide Hindman at least sixty (60) days advance written notice of the foreclosure or other judicial sale of all or a substantial part of the Company's Facilities, or upon the termination of any lease covering all or a substantial part of its Facilities, and such notification shall be treated as a notification that an assignment of the franchise has taken place, and the provisions of Section 11 of this Ordinance, governing the consent of Hindman to such assignment, shall apply.

Section 16 -- (a) Hindman shall have the right to cancel this franchise thirty (30) days after the appointment of a receiver, or trustee, to take over and conduct the business of the Company,

whether in receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy, or other action or proceeding, unless such receivership or trusteeship shall have been vacated prior to the expiration of said thirty (30) days, unless:

(1) Within thirty (30) days after his election of appointment, such receiver or trustee shall have fully complied with all the provisions of this Ordinance and remedied all defaults thereunder; and,

(2) Such receiver or trustee, within said thirty (30) days shall have executed an agreement, duly approved by the court having jurisdiction in the premises, whereby such receiver or trustee assumes and agrees to be bound by each and every provision of this Ordinance and the franchise granted to the Company.

(b) The Company shall have the right to cancel this franchise upon any act of bankruptcy, receivership, reorganization, application for the appointment of a receiver, or any other initiation of insolvency proceedings on behalf of, or against, Hindman. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to an order of an appointed trustee or receiver, Hindman does not waive the ability to claim that the Company is still required to pay Hindman a franchise fee in order to maintain its System or Facilities in the Rights-of-way.

Section 17 - It shall be the duty of the Mayor or other lawful designee as soon as practicable after the passage of this Ordinance to offer for sale at public auction said franchise and privilege. In the event that additional interested bidders are identified or express an interest in obtaining a franchise after this initial offering, the additional offering and advertisement to accommodate such bidders is hereby authorized. Said franchise and privilege shall be sold to the highest and best bidder or bidders at a time and place fixed by the Mayor after he or she has given due notice thereof by advertisement or publication as required by law.

Section 18 - Bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise and privileges hereby created shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor or other lawful designee upon the date and at the time fixed by him or her in said publication or advertisement for receiving same. Thereafter, the Mayor shall report and submit to the City Council, at the time of its next regular meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter, said bids and proposals for its approval. The City Council reserves the right, for and on behalf of Hindman, to reject any and all bids for said franchise and privileges; and, in case the bids reported by the Mayor shall be rejected by the City Council, it may direct, by resolution or ordinance, said franchise and privilege to be again offered for sale, from time to time, until a satisfactory bid therefore shall be received and approved.

(a) Each bid shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable payment to Hindman in the amount of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) to cover its cost of advertising and all administrative expenses and fees of every nature.

(b) In addition, any bid submitted by an entity or person not already owning within the territorial limits of the City of Hindman, plant, equipment, and/or Facilities sufficient to render the service required by this Ordinance must be accompanied by cash or a certified check drawn on a bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or a national bank, equal to five percent (5%) of the fair estimated cost of the system required to render the service, which check or cash shall be forfeited to the Government in case the bid should be accepted and the bidder should fail, for thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the sale, to pay the price and to give a good and sufficient bond in a sum equal to one-fourth (1/4) of the fair estimated cost of the system to be erected, conditioned that it shall be enforceable in case the purchaser should fail, within sixty (60) days, to establish and begin rendering the service in the manner set forth in this Ordinance. Bids shall include such documentation as is necessary to support the bidder's determination of the fair estimated cost of the system required to render the service. Hindman reserves the right to review

any of bidder's supporting documentation that justifies bidder's determination of said estimated cost.

Section 19 - (a) The City shall impose upon the Company a franchise fee in the amount of five percent (5%) of the gross annual revenues received by the Company for the direct sale, distribution, and delivery of natural gas provided by the Company within the City of Hindman and rendered on its bills (excluding nonrecurring charges as defined in Chapter 807 of the Kentucky Administrative Regulations Section 5:006, now or as hereafter amended). At a minimum, the franchise fee is intended to apply to gross revenues related to those services which include the franchise fee as part of the tariff filed with the Public Service Commission as of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance, and the Company expressly agrees that it will continue to pay franchise fees on the gross revenues derived from these services for the duration of this franchise. The Company will also assess and pay the franchise fee on any such gross revenues from revised, amended, or additional tariffs (except for nonrecurring charges in Hindman) unless Hindman specifically indicates that it does not want the fee to apply, and subject to any necessary approval by the Public Service Commission. Calculations of amounts payable hereunder and payments shall commence with the first billing period following tariff approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The Company is otherwise required to continue submitting payments to Hindman under the terms of its existing tariff and/or franchise until such time as this tariff approval is obtained.

(b) The parties acknowledge and agree that the natural gas supplied by certain large volume suppliers is not currently included as part of the gross revenues to which the franchise fee is applied. In the event that Hindman determines during the franchise period that it wishes to pursue the collection of the franchise fee from these suppliers through the Company, it will notify

the Company, in advance, of the methodology and procedures for such collection, and be subject to any necessary approval of the Public Service Commission.

(c) In the event Hindman requires the Company to pay any fees for the permitting, excavation, occupation or other use of its rights-of-way that are in addition to the franchise fee established herein, such fees may be calculated, assessed, collected and paid as an appropriate percentage of gross revenues at the option of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may elect to pay for its permit fees upon application for each respective permit. These permitting fees are subject to change during the term of the franchise based upon an audit of the actual cost of permitting for Hindman, or a change in the amount of such respective permitting fees. In the event of such a change, the Company shall be provided at least sixty (60) days advance written notice.

(d) No later than ten (10) working days after final acceptance of its bid by Hindman or any subsequent notification of any change in the amount of the fees in this Section 19, the Company shall, if lawfully required, file an application or tariff with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to provide for prompt and satisfactory cost recovery of the amount(s) payable under this Ordinance and any franchise awarded pursuant to its terms for any amounts for which it desires recovery. The Company shall provide Hindman with copies of any tariffs it files with the Kentucky Public Service Commission related to the franchise in order to satisfy the obligations created herein.

(e) If, after a period of sixty (60) days from the filing of the Company's above application, the Kentucky Public Service Commission shall have made no final determination concerning the prompt and satisfactory recovery of amounts payable by the Company under this Section of the Ordinance, then the Company's obligation to pay the amount specified in Section 19(a) of this Ordinance shall be suspended, provided the Company shall first give Hindman ten

(10) days written notice of its intention to suspend payment pending the decision of the said Commission. In the event of suspension of the Company's obligation as herein provided, Hindman shall have the option to terminate this franchise within thirty (30) days of receipt of said written notification from the Company. Notwithstanding the above, any Company that had a previously existing franchise with Hindman shall continue to pay the fees established pursuant to its previous franchise.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the Company shall be required to pay the Government all reasonable attorney's fees that the Government may incur relating any transfer, renewal or modification of the franchise.

Section 20 - (a) Payment of any amount due under this Ordinance shall be made monthly, within thirty (30) days of the end of the preceding calendar month. Upon request, and provided the Company has the capability to do so without additional cost, Company shall deposit such payments electronically to an account specified by Hindman. In the event of suspension of the Company's obligation pursuant to Section 19(e) herein, said suspension shall not have application to any amount due hereunder for the preceding calendar month, and the gross income received by the Company during any such suspension period shall be excluded from the Company's annual gross revenues for the purpose of calculating amounts due under Section 19 (a) herein.

(b) No acceptance of any franchise fee payment by Hindman shall be construed as an accord and satisfaction that the amount paid is in fact the correct amount nor shall acceptance be deemed a release to any claim Hindman may have for future or additional sums pursuant to this Ordinance. Hindman shall have the right to inspect the Company's income, financial, and records relating to gross revenues in order to audit, and to re-compute any amounts determined to be payable under this Ordinance. The Company shall respond to a reasonable

request for information related to obtaining audit information within ten (10) business days unless agreed otherwise by the parties. This provision shall survive the term of any franchise agreement awarded pursuant to this Ordinance for a period of one (1) year. Any additional amount due to Hindman as a result of the audit shall be paid within ten (10) days following written notice to the Company by Hindman which notice shall include a copy of the audit report. If as a result of such audit or review Hindman determines that the Company has underpaid its franchise fee by five percent (5%) or more for any six (6) month period then in addition to making full payment of the relevant obligation it shall reimburse Hindman for all of the reasonable costs associated with the audit or review. If such audit or review is performed in connection with the granting of a new franchise, and extension of the terms of this franchise, a sale or transfer of control of the Company, or a substantive modification of the terms to, or an assignment of this franchise, the Company shall reimburse Hindman for all of the reasonable costs associated with the audit or review including all out-of-pocket costs for attorneys, accountants and other consultants.

(c) In the event that any franchise payment or recomputed amount is not made on or before the applicable dates heretofore specified, interest shall be charged from such date at the annual rate of eight percent (8%). Overpayments discovered by Hindman or the Company shall be an adjustment on the next monthly payment at an annual rate of interest of eight percent (8%).

(d) With respect to its billing of Hindman, Company agrees to, upon request, provide an explanation of any and all billing adjustments or credits including the account(s) impacted and any and all late payments.

Section 21 – Bids offered for purchase of this franchise shall state the bidder's acceptance of the conditions set forth in this Ordinance. If any bid shall include an offer of payment over and above the terms of the franchise, then a certified check for said amount,

payable to the City of Hindman, shall be deposited with the Government. This amount shall be in addition to the provision for payments contained in Sections 18 and 19 of this Ordinance, which shall be considered as a condition of this franchise. Any check deposited by an unsuccessful bidder shall be returned when Hindman shall have accepted the bid or bids, which in its judgment is or are the highest and best.

Section 22 – Any violation by the Company, its vendee, Lessee, or successor of the provisions of this franchise or any material portions thereof, or the failure promptly to perform any of the provisions thereof, shall be cause for the forfeiture of any franchise awarded pursuant to this Ordinance and all rights hereunder after written notice to the Company and continuation of such violations, failure or default, as set forth in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

Section 23 – This Ordinance and any franchise awarded pursuant to it shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, both as to interpretation and performance. The venue for any litigation related to this Ordinance or a franchise, except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, shall be in the court of competent jurisdiction in Knot County, Kentucky.

Section 24 - This Ordinance and any franchise awarded pursuant to it does not create a contractual relationship with or right of action in favor of a third party against either Hindman or the Company.

Section 25 - If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of the Ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not affect the validity of the remaining Ordinance.

Section 26 - The franchise created by this Ordinance shall become effective when the Hindman City Council accepts the bid(s) for it.

Section 27 - This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

DATE OF PASSAGE: 9-6-16

ATTEST:

Arlene Nelson
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR, CITY OF HINDMAN, KENTUCKY