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**TIMOTHY C. HOWARD
P. O. BOX 271
HARLAN, KENTUCKY 40831**

July 22, 2017

Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

RE: Cawood Water District (Harlan County)
Proposed Water Rate Adjustment

Dear Commission Members:

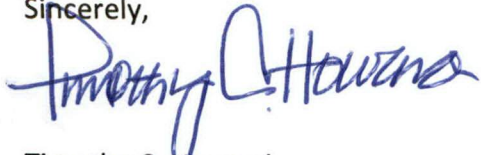
I am submitting this letter as comments to the proposed water rate adjustment of the Cawood Water District that was published in the local newspaper (Harlan Daily Enterprise) on Friday, July 21, 2017. My interest in this matter is because I am a customer of the Cawood Water System both personally and in business. I am a strong advocate of municipal drinking water for the citizens of Harlan County and fully support the efforts of our local and state governments to deliver safe and affordable drinking water to the citizens.

In reviewing these rate increases, it appears the District is raising the water rates between 15 percent and 100 percent, depending upon the volume usage. I find the timing of this rate increase very odd since it has been reported the Water District currently has over \$2,000,000.00 of funds being held. I am aware that the infrastructure of the water system is in need of repair, both the plant and the distribution system, but it would be best served if the monies currently being held are spent on these upgrades before the customers are asked to sustain a rate increase. I also feel that this drastic increase in the rates will be a burden upon the vast majority of the customers of the Water District, many of which are living on fixed incomes and at or below the poverty level.

I would ask that the Public Service Commission conduct an audit of the system to verify the existence of the surplus funds before any approval of a rate increase is granted. If the Water District is generating surplus funding, it would stand to reason that a rate reduction instead of a rate increase would be warranted.

I look forward to hearing from your Commission on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy C. Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "H".

Timothy C. Howard

Reclamation Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1504 East Cumberland Ave, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965-1229. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for hearing or informal conference is received by August 28, 2017. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by August 28, 2017.

chaser, with approved surety of securities, must execute bond bearing legal interest from day of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms. This the 5th day of July, 2017.

KAREN S. DAVENPORT
Master Commissioner
Harlan Circuit Court

LEGALS

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HARLAN CIRCUIT COURT
ACTION NO. 16-CI-00378
BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR
CONSECO FINANCE
EQUITABLE LOAN TRUST 2001-C,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
PHILLIPS AKA VON PHILLIPS,
DEBRA PHILLIPS, DEBRA SMITH,
CHARL SMITH AKA BUTCH SMITH,
SPURLOCK, PAM SPURLOCK,
ADKINS, CHARLES ADKINS,
JOE SPURLOCK, SR.,
UNKNOWN DEFENDANT,
ROY JOE SPURLOCK, SR.,
SPURLOCK, JOANN SPURLOCK,
UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS,
THE HEIRS OR DEVISEES
ESTATES OF & THEIR SPOUSES
OF UNKNOWN PERSON WHO
HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE
PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT
MATTER OF THIS ACTION,
COUNTY OF HARLAN,
ADKINS, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT,
ESTATE OF JAMES ADKINS,
ADKINS, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT,
ESTATE OF RODNEY ADKINS,
ADKINS, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT,
ESTATE OF TRACY FLOWERS,
UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS**

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

JUDGMENT and ORDER OF SALE of the Harlan Circuit Court entered on May 30, 2017, in the above cause for the sum of \$24,087.60 (twenty-four thousand eighty-sixty cents) plus interest from August 3, 2015, plus Attorney's fees and Court costs expended, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the front courthouse in Harlan, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at Public Auction on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** or thereabouts, upon the terms of cash on hand or 10% down and the remainder on a credit of 12 months, with the purchaser a bond, with good surety, for the purchase price, payable to myself, at the rate of 12% per annum from date of sale, having the force and effect of a judgment, and I shall have the property so sold for further security on the purchase price, and any purchaser may pay off the same before maturity, with interest accrued up to the date of sale, on the real estate located in Harlan, Kentucky particularly described as follows:
Lot 162 Stanfill Drive, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

The Court has found that the said real property is not to be divided without materially impairing its value as a whole. For the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond, with approved surety of securities, must execute bond bearing legal interest from day of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

KAREN S. DAVENPORT
MASTER COMMISSIONER
HARLAN CIRCUIT COURT

LEGALS

NOTICE

Because of increased operating expenses and the requirements of its existing bond ordinances, Cawood Water District will file on or about July 21, 2017 an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission for the purpose of adjusting its water rates. The application will be filed pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Under those procedures, the proposed rates may not be placed into effect until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving the proposed rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first. Cawood Water District last requested a general rate adjustment in January of 2010.

Cawood Water District proposes the following rates:

All Meters	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Cawood WTP Service Area				
First 2,000 Gallons	\$20.56 (min.)	\$23.75 (min.)	\$3.19	15.5
Next 8,000 Gallons	6.92/1,000	10.40/1,000	3.48	50.3
Over 10,000 Gallons	4.93/1,000	10.40/1,000	5.47	111.0
Pathfork Service Area				
First 2,000 Gallons	\$23.45 (min.)	\$23.75 (min.)	\$0.30	1.3
Next 8,000 Gallons	9.08/1,000	10.40/1,000	1.32	14.5
Over 10,000 Gallons	7.08/1,000	10.40/1,000	3.32	46.9

The proposed rates will have the following effect on a customer's monthly bill:

Meter	Average Monthly Usage	Current Monthly Bill	Proposed Rates Monthly Bill	Increase (\$)	Change (%)
Cawood Service Area					
5/8 x 3/4	4,000	\$34.40	\$44.55	\$10.15	29.5
Pathfork Service Area					
5/8 x 3/4	4,000	\$41.61	\$44.55	\$2.94	7.1

Cawood Water District has also reviewed the charges and fees assessed for non-recurring services. These charges and fees were last revised in September 2004. It proposes to adjust the following fees and charges to reflect the current cost of providing service:

	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Tap-On Fees				
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$550.00	\$750.00	\$200.00	36.4
Connection/Turn-On Charge	25.00	35.00	10.00	40.0
Meter Re-Read Charge	25.00	35.00	10.00	40.0
Meter Re-Setting Charge	25.00	35.00	10.00	40.0
Meter Test Charge	0.00	50.00	50.00	New

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Cawood Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice.

Any person may examine the application submitted to the Public Service Commission at Cawood Water District's office at 54 Water Plant Road, Cawood, KY 40815 or at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or by mail to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the person's status and interest. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of notice, it may take final action on the application.

Cawood Water District
First Publication Date: July 21, 2017

July, 2017.