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April 27, 2004

Mr. Thomas Dorman Executive Director Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Case 2004-00149

Re:

Caldwell County Water District Water Project

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of the Application of Caldwell County Water District for an Order approving construction financing and issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to KRS 278.023.

Also enclosed are eleven (11) copies of the exhibits required pursuant to 807 KAR 5.069. Two copies of the Preliminary and Final Engineering Reports will be forwarded in the near future.

If you need any additional information or documentation, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rubin & Hays

W. Randall Jones

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Re: Caldwell County Water District Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, in the amount of \$600,000 (Phase VII Project)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CALDWELL COUNTY WATER)	
DISTRICT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY FOR)	NO. 2004-00149
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AND FINANCE)	
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 278.023)	

APPLICATION

This Application of the Caldwell County Water District (the "Applicant") of Caldwell County, Kentucky, respectfully shows:

- 1. That the Applicant is a water district of Caldwell County, Kentucky, created and existing under and by virtue of Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statues.
 - 2. That the post office address of the Applicant is:

Caldwell County Water District c/o Mr. Gary Fuller, Chairman 118 West Market Street Princeton, Kentucky 42445

- 3. That the Applicant, pursuant to the provisions of KRS 278.020 and 278.023, seeks (i) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, permitting the Applicant to construct a waterworks construction project, consisting of extensions, additions, and improvements (the "Project") to the existing waterworks system of the Applicant; and (ii) approval of the proposed plan of financing said Project.
- 4. That the proposed project consists of the installation of approximately 41 miles of 3-inch, 4-inch and 6-inch pipeline and associated appurtenances. This project will provide a safe, dependable water supply for approximately 142 new customers in rural Caldwell County.
- 5. That the Applicant proposes to finance the construction of the Project through (i) issuance of \$600,000 of its Waterworks Revenue Bonds, (ii) a Rural Development ("RD") grant

in the amount of \$900,000, (iii) a Kentucky 2020 grant in the amount of \$669,600, and (iv) a contribution from the Applicant in the amount of \$72,000. The Applicant has a commitment from the RD to purchase said \$600,000 of bonds maturing over a 40-year period, at an interest rate of not exceeding 4.50% per annum, as set out in the RD Letter of Conditions filed herewith as an Exhibit.

- 6. That the Applicant does not contemplate having the Project constructed with any deviation from minimum construction standards of this Public Service Commission.
- 7. That the Applicant files herewith the following Exhibits pursuant to 807 KAR 5:069 in support of this Application:
 - A. Copy of RD Letter of Conditions.
 - B. Copy of RD Letter of Concurrence in Bid Award.
 - C. Copy of Preliminary and Final Engineering Reports.
 - D. Certified statement from the Chairman of the Applicant, based upon statements of the Engineers for the Applicant, concerning the following:
 - (1) The proposed plans and specifications for the Project have been designed to meet the minimum construction and operating requirements set out in 807 KAR 5:066, Section 4(3) and (4); Section 5(1); Sections 6 and 7; Section 8(1) through (3); Section 9(1) and Section 10;
 - (2) All other state approvals or permits have already been obtained;
 - (3) The existing rates of the Applicant shall produce the total revenue requirements set out in the engineering reports; and
 - (4) Setting out the dates when it is anticipated that construction will begin and
- 8. That the foregoing constitutes the documents necessary to obtain the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in accordance with Section 278.023 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and in accordance with the "Minimum Filing Requirements" specified in 807 KAR 5:069, Section 3.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant, the Caldwell County Water District, asks that the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky grant to the Applicant the following:

- a. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity permitting the Applicant to construct a waterworks project consisting of extensions, additions, and improvements to the existing waterworks system of the Applicant.
- b. An Order approving the financing arrangements made by the Applicant, viz., the issuance of \$600,000 of Caldwell County Water District Waterworks Revenue Bonds at an interest rate of not exceeding 4.50% per annum; a grant from RD in the amount of \$900,000; a Kentucky 2020 grant in the amount of \$669,600; and a contribution from Applicant in the amount of \$72,000.

CALDWELL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Chairman

Board of Water Commissioners

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Counsel for Applicant

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
) SS
COUNTY OF CALDWELL)

The undersigned, Gary Fuller, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Caldwell County Water District, the Applicant, in the above proceedings; that he has read the foregoing Application and has noted the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and as to those matters, he believes same to be true.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signature of the undersigned on this April 2004.

Gary Fuller, Chairman
Caldwell County Water District

Subscribed, sworn and acknowledged to before me by Gary Fuller, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Caldwell County Water District, on this April 20, 2004.

My Commission expires: //19/05

Notary Public

In and for said County and State

(Seal of Notary)



May 28, 2003

Mr. Gary Fuller, Chairman Caldwell County Water District 118 West Market Street Princeton, Kentucky 42445

Dear Mr. Fuller:

This letter establishes conditions which must be understood and agreed to by you before further consideration may be given to the application. The loan and/or grant will be administered on behalf of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) by the State and Area office staff of USDA Rural Development. Any changes in project cost, source of funds, scope of services or any other significant changes in the project or applicant must be reported to and approved by USDA Rural Development, by written amendment to this letter. Any changes not approved by Rural Development shall be cause for discontinuing processing of the application. It should also be understood that Rural Development is under no obligation to provide additional funds to meet an overrun in construction costs.

This letter is not to be considered as loan and/or grant approval or as a representation as to the availability of funds. The docket may be completed on the basis of a RUS loan not to exceed \$600,000, a RUS grant not to exceed \$900,000, and a H.B. 409 State of Kentucky 2020 Grant in the amount of \$669,600.

If Rural Development makes the loan, the interest rate will be the lower of the rate in effect at the time of loan approval or the rate in effect at the time of loan closing, unless the applicant otherwise chooses. The loan will be considered approved on the date a signed copy of Form RD 1940-1, "Request for Obligation of Funds," is mailed to you.

Please complete and return the attached Form RD 1942-46, "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions," if you desire that further consideration be given to your application.

The "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions" must be executed within three weeks from the date of this letter or it becomes invalid unless a time extension is granted by Rural Development.

If the conditions set forth in this letter are not met within 240 days from the date hereof, Rural Development reserves the right to discontinue the processing of the application.

In signing Form RD 1942-46, "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions," you are agreeing to complete the following as expeditiously as possible:

1. Number of Users and Their Contribution:

There shall be 1,710 water users, of which 1,568 are existing users and 142 are new users contributing \$72,000 in connection fees toward the cost of the project. The connection fees will be collected prior to advertising for construction bids and will be placed in the construction account at loan pre-closing, unless spent for authorized purposes prior to loan pre-closing. The Rural Development Manager will review and authenticate the number of users and amount of connection fees prior to advertising for construction bids. No contribution is required from the Water District.

1a. Grant Agreement:

Attached is a copy of RUS Bulletin 1780-12, "Water and Waste System Grant Agreement," for your review. You will be required to execute a completed form at the time of grant closing.

1b. <u>Drug-Free Work Place</u>:

Prior to grant approval, the Water District will be required to execute Form AD-1049, "Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Grants) Alternative I - For Grantees Other Than Individuals."

2. Repayment Period:

The loan will be scheduled for repayment over a period not to exceed 40 years from the date of the bond. Principal payment will not be deferred for a period in excess of two years from the date of the bond. Payments will be in accordance with applicable KRS, which requires interest to be paid semi-annually (January 1st and July 1st) and principal will be due on or before the first of January. Rural Development may require the Water District to adopt a supplemental payment agreement providing for monthly payments of principal and interest so long as the bond is held or insured by RUS. Monthly payments will be approximate amortized installments.

3. <u>Recommended Repayment Method</u>:

Payments on this loan can be made using the Preauthorized Debit (PAD) payment method. This procedure eliminates the need for paper checks and ensures timely receipt of RD loan payments. To initiate PAD payments, Form SF 5510, "Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments," should be signed by the District to authorize the electronic withdrawal of funds from your designated bank account on the exact installment payment due date. The Rural Development Manager will furnish the necessary forms and further guidance on the PAD procedure.

4. Funded Depreciation Reserve Account:

The Water District will be required to deposit \$280.00 per month into a "Funded Depreciation Reserve Account" until the account reaches \$33,600. The deposits are to be resumed any time the account falls below the \$33,600.

The required monthly deposits to the Reserve Account and required Reserve Account levels are in addition to the requirements of the Water District's prior bond resolutions.

The monthly deposits to the Reserve Account are required to commence with the first month of the first full fiscal year after the facility becomes operational.

5. Security Requirements:

A pledge of gross water revenue will be provided in the Bond Resolution. Bonds shall rank on a parity with existing bonds, if possible. If this is not possible, the bond will be subordinate and junior to the existing bonds, in which case the Water District will be required to abrogate its right to issue additional bonds ranking on a parity with the existing bonds, so long as any unpaid indebtedness remains on this bond issue.

6. <u>Land Rights and Real Property</u>:

The Water District will be required to furnish satisfactory title, easements, etc., necessary to install, maintain and operate the facility to serve the intended users. The pipelines will be on private rights-of-way where feasible. Easements and options are to be secured prior to advertising for construction bids.

7. Organization:

The Water District will be legally organized under applicable KRS which will permit them to perform this service, borrow and repay money.

8. <u>Business Operations</u>:

The Water District will be required to operate the system under a well-established set of resolutions, rules and regulations. A budget must be established annually and adopted by the Water District after review by Rural Development. At no later than loan pre-closing, the Water District will be required to furnish a prior approved management plan to include, as a minimum, provisions for management, maintenance, meter reading, miscellaneous services, billing, collecting, bookkeeping, making and delivering required reports and audits.

9. Accounts, Records and Audits:

The Water District will be required to maintain adequate records and accounts and submit annual budgets and year-end reports (annual audits) in accordance with subsection 1780.47 of RUS Instruction 1780 and RUS Staff Instruction 1780-4, a copy of which is enclosed.

10. Accomplish Audits for Years in Which Federal Financial Assistance is Received:

The Water District will accomplish audits in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, during the years in which federal funds are received. The Water District will provide copies of the audits to the Area Office and the appropriate Federal cognizant agency as designated by OMB Circular A-133.

11. Insurance and Bonding:

The following insurance and bonding will be required:

- A. Adequate Liability and Property Damage Insurance including vehicular coverage, if applicable, must be obtained and maintained by the Water District. The Water District should obtain amounts of coverage as recommended by its attorney, consulting engineer and/or insurance provider.
- B. Worker's Compensation The Water District will carry worker's compensation insurance for employees in accordance with applicable state laws.
- C. Fidelity Bond The Water District will provide Fidelity Bond Coverage for all persons who have access to funds. Coverage may be provided either for all individual positions or persons, or through "blanket" coverage providing protection for all appropriate employees and/or officials. The amount of coverage required for all RUS loans is \$212,000.
- D. Real Property Insurance The Water District will obtain and maintain adequate fire and extended coverage on all structures including major items of equipment or machinery located in the structures. The amounts of coverage should be based on recommendations obtained by the Water District from its attorney, consulting engineer and/or insurance provider. Subsurface lift stations do not have to be covered except for the value of electrical and pumping equipment therein.
- E. Flood Insurance The Water District will obtain and maintain adequate coverage on any facilities located in a special flood and mudslide prone areas.

12. Planning and Performing Development:

- A. The engineer should not be authorized to commence work on final plans and specifications until a determination has been made that the project can be planned and constructed within the estimated cost shown in paragraph "22" of this letter. The engineer may then proceed to develop final plans and specifications to be completed no later than 210 days from this date, and prepare bid documents. The Rural Development Manager is prepared to furnish the necessary guide for him to follow so as to keep the project plans and documents within our guidelines and requirements. The project should not be advertised for construction bids until all easements and enforceable options have been obtained, and total funds are committed or available for the project.
- B. The following documents will be submitted to Rural Development for review and must be concurred in by Rural Development prior to advertisement for construction bids:
 - 1. Final plans, specifications and bid documents.
 - 2. Applicant's letter on efforts to encourage small business and minority-owned business participation.
 - 3. Legal Service Agreements.
 - 4. Engineering Agreements.

Revision in these documents will be subject to Rural Development concurrence. Any agreements, contracts, etc. not reviewed and approved by Rural Development will not be eligible for payment from project funds or revenues from facilities financed by this Agency.

Prior to receipt of an authorization to advertise for construction bids, the Water District will obtain advance clearance from Bond Counsel regarding compliance with KRS 424 pertaining to publishing of the advertisement for construction bids in local newspapers and the period of time the notice is required to be published.

13. Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

The Water District will be required to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), in order to make sure no handicapped individual, solely by reason of their handicap, is excluded from participation in the use of the water system, be denied the benefits of the water system, or be subjected to discrimination.

14. Closing Instructions:

The Office of General Counsel, our Regional Attorney, will be required to write closing instructions in connection with this loan. Conditions listed therein must be met by the Water District.

15. Compliance with Special Laws and Regulations:

The Water District will be required to conform with any and all state and local laws and regulations affecting this type project.

16. System Operator:

The Water District is reminded that the system operator must have an Operator's Certificate issued by the State.

17. Prior to Pre-Closing the Loan, the Water District will be Required to Adopt:

- A. Form RUS Bulletin 1780-27, "Loan Resolution (Public Bodies)."
- B. Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement."
- C. Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement."
- D. Form AD-1047, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters Primary Covered Transaction."
- E. Form RD 1910-11, "Applicant Certification Federal Collection Policies for Consumer or Commercial Debts."
- F. RD Instruction 1940-Q, Exhibit A-1, "Certification for Contracts, Grants and Loans."

The Water District must offer the opportunity for all residents in the service area to become users of the facilities regardless of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, physical or mental handicap or level of income.

18. Refinancing and Graduation Requirements:

The Water District is reminded that if at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Water District is able to refinance the amount of the RUS indebtedness then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms, upon the request of the Government, the Water District will apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the Government.

19. <u>Commercial Interim Financing</u>:

The Water District will be required to use commercial interim financing for the project during construction for the RUS loan portion of the financing, if available at reasonable rates and terms.

Before the loan is closed, the Water District will be required to provide Rural Development with statements from the contractor, engineer and attorneys that they have been paid to date in accordance with their contract or other agreements and, in the case of the contractor, that he has paid his suppliers and sub-contractors.

20. <u>Disbursement of Project Funds:</u>

A construction account for the purpose of disbursement of project funds (RUS) will be established by the Water District prior to start of construction. The position of officials entrusted with the receipt and disbursement of RUS project funds will be covered by a "Fidelity Bond," with USDA Rural Development as Co-Obligee, in the amount of construction funds on hand at any one time during the construction phase.

During construction, the Water District shall disburse project funds in a manner consistent with subsection 1780.76 (e) of RUS Instruction 1780. Form RD 1924-18, "Partial Payment Estimate," or similar form approved by Rural Development, shall be used for the purpose of documenting periodic construction estimates, and shall be submitted to Rural Development for review and acceptance. Prior to disbursement of funds by the Water District, the Board of Directors shall review and approve each payment estimate. <a href="mailto:All bills and vouchers must be approved by Rural Development prior to payment by the Water District.

Form RD 440-11, "Estimate of Funds Needed for 30-Day Period Commencing _____," will be prepared by the Water District and submitted to Rural Development in order that a periodic advance of federal cash may be requested.

Monthly audits of the Water District's construction account records shall be made by Rural Development.

21. Disbursement of Grant Funds:

The RUS funds will be advanced as they are needed in the amount(s) necessary to cover the RUS proportionate share of obligations due and payable by the Water District. Grant funds, upon receipt, must be deposited in an interest bearing account in accordance with 7 CFR part 3016 (as applicable). Interest earned on grant funds in excess of \$100 (as applicable) per year will be submitted to RUS at least quarterly.

22. Cost of Facility:

Breakdown of Costs:

Development		\$ 1,753,000
Land and Rights		25,000
Legal and Administrative		25,000
Engineering		253,000
Interest		25,000
Contingencies		160,600
	TOTAL	\$ 2,241,600

Financing:

RUS Loan	\$	600,000
RUS Grant		900,000
H.B. 409 State of Ky. 2020 Grant		669,600
Applicant Contribution		72,000
TOTA	AL \$	2,241,600

23. Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996:

The Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996 requires that <u>all</u> federal payments after January 1, 1999, must be made by Electronic Funds Transfer/Automated Clearing House (EFT/ACH). Borrowers receiving payments by EFT will have funds directly deposited to a specified account at a financial institution with funds being available to the recipient on the date of payment. The borrower should complete Form SF-3881, "Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Enrollment Form," for each account where funds will be electronically received. The completed form(s) must be received by Rural Development at least thirty (30) days prior to the first advance of funds.

24. Use of Remaining Project Funds:

The applicant contribution shall be considered as the first funds expended. After providing for all authorized costs, any remaining project funds will be considered to be RUS/H.B. 409 State of Kentucky 2020 grant funds and refunded in proportion to participation in the project. If the amount of unused grant funds exceeds the grants, that part would be RUS loan funds.

25. Rates and Charges:

Rates and charges for facilities and services rendered by the Water District must be at least adequate to meet cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the water system and meeting required principal and interest payments and the required deposits to debt service and/or depreciation reserve.

Water rates will be at least:

First	1,000	gallons @ \$	17.37 - Minimum Bill.
Next	3,000	gallons @ \$	8.62 - per 1,000 gallons.
Next	6,000	gallons @\$	6.82 - per 1,000 gallons.
Next	20,000	gallons @ \$	5.12 - per 1,000 gallons.
All Over	30,000	gallons @\$	4.37 - per 1,000 gallons.

26. Water Purchase Contract:

The Water District will submit a Water Purchase Contract for approval by Rural Development before advertising for construction bids. If the contract is not on Form RD 442-30, "Water Purchase Contract," the contract will require approval by our Regional Attorney. The contract must meet the requirements of subsection 1780.62 of RUS Instruction 1780.

27. Commitment of H.B. 409 State of Kentucky 2020 Grant:

This Letter of Conditions is issued contingent upon a firm commitment being in effect prior to advertising for construction bids for the H.B. 409 State of Kentucky 2020 grant in the amount of \$669,600.

28. Floodplain Construction:

The Water District will be required to pass and adopt a Resolution or amend its By-Laws whereby the Water District will deny any water service to any future customer wishing to build on or develop property located within a designated floodplain. If a customer or developer requests service for construction in a designated floodplain, the customer or developer must provide evidence and a justification for approval by the Water District and Rural Development officials that there are no other alternatives to construction or development within the designated floodplain. The community must be a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the customer or developer must obtain the required permits prior to the tap on restrictions being waived.

29. Mitigation Measures:

- A. The project shall be in compliance with all requirements noted in the Kentucky Department for Local Government letter dated March 19, 2002, from Mr. Ronald A. Cook, Manager.
- B. The design and construction shall be in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as requested by letter dated May 1, 2002, and signed by Virgil Lee Andrews, Jr., Field Supervisor.

- C. The line design and construction shall be accomplished in a way that will leave flood plains and farmland without affect after construction is complete. The Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit No. 12 applies to all floodplain and wetland utility line construction.
- D. The design and construction shall be in compliance with all local, state and federal environmental statutes, regulations and executive orders applicable to the project.

30. <u>Final Approval Conditions</u>:

Final approval of this loan will depend on your willingness, with the assistance of all your co-workers, to meet the conditions of this letter in an orderly and systematic manner. Then too, final approval will depend on funds being available.

If you desire to proceed with your application, the Rural Development Manager will allot a reasonable portion of time to provide guidance in application processing.

Sincerely,

State Director

Enclosures

cc: Rural Development Manager - Princeton, Kentucky
Community Development Manager - Elkton, Kentucky
Pennyrile ADD - Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Bill N. Adams - Princeton, Kentucky
Rubin and Hays - Louisville, Kentucky
Howard K. Bell - Hopkinsville, Kentucky

PSC - ATTN: Bob Amato - Frankfort, Kentucky

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April 12, 2004

SUBJECT:

Contract Award Concurrence Caldwell County Water District Phase VII- Water System Expansion

TO:

Area Director

Princeton, Kentucky

Based on the bids received and the recommendation of the consulting engineer, Rural Development concurs in the award of subject contract to the low bidder, Twin States Utilities and Excavation, in the amount of \$1,397,300.28.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Anderson, State Engineer, at (859) 224-7348.

KENNETH SLONE

State Director

Rural Development

cc:

HKB Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Lexington, Kentucky

Ruben and Hays
Louisville, Kentucky

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CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF CALDWELL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, AS TO STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 3(2)(D) OF 807 KAR 5:069

I, Gary Fuller, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Chairman of the Caldwell County Water District of Caldwell County, Kentucky, and that said District is in the process of arranging to finance the construction of extensions, additions and improvements to the existing waterworks system of the District (the "Project"), in cooperation with the Engineers for the District, Howard K. Bell Consulting Engineers, Inc., Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Based on information furnished to me by said Engineers for the District, I hereby certify as follows:

- 1. That the proposed plans and specifications for the Project have been designed to meet the minimum construction and operating requirements set out in 807 KAR 5:066 Section 4(3) and (4); Section 5(1); Sections 6 and 7; Section 8(1) through (3); Section 9(1) and Section 10.
 - 2. That all other state approvals and/or permits have already been obtained.
- 3. That the existing rates of the District shall produce the total revenue requirements set out in the engineering reports.
- 4. That it is now contemplated that construction of the Project will begin on or about June 1, 2004 and will end on or about December 1, 2004.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature this April <u>20</u>, 2004.

Chairman

Caldwell County Water District

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
) SS
COUNTY OF CALDWELL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Gary Fuller, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Caldwell County Water District, on this April 20, 2004.

Notary Public

In and For Said State and County

(Seal of Notary)