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Ms. Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Case No. 2005-00374

Re: Southern Water and Sewer District PSC Application

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of the Application of the Southern Water and Sewer District for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct, finance and increase rates pursuant to KRS 278.023.

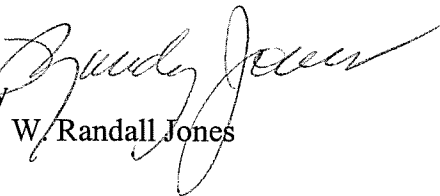
Also enclosed are eleven (11) copies of the exhibits required pursuant to 807 KAR 5.069, with the **exception of the Preliminary and Final Engineering Reports, of which two copies are enclosed.**

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

Sincerely,

Rubin & Hays

By



W. Randall Jones

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Enclosures
cc: Distribution List

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Re: Southern Water and Sewer District Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2005

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN WATER
AND SEWER DISTRICT OF FLOYD AND KNOTT
COUNTIES, KENTUCKY, FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO
CONSTRUCT, FINANCE AND INCREASE RATES
PURSUANT TO KRS 278.023.**

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A P P L I C A T I O N

This Application of the Southern Water and Sewer District ("Applicant") of Floyd and Knott Counties, Kentucky, respectfully shows:

1. That Applicant is a water district of Floyd and Knott Counties, Kentucky, created and existing under and by virtue of Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.
2. That the post office address of Applicant is:

Southern Water and Sewer District
c/o Mr. Robert L. Meyer, Manager
P.O. Box 610
McDowell, Kentucky 41647
3. That Applicant, pursuant to the provisions of KRS 278.020 and 278.023, seeks (i) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, permitting Applicant to construct a waterworks construction project, consisting of extensions, additions, and improvements (the "Project") to the existing waterworks system of Applicant; (ii) an Order approving increased rates; and (iii) approval of the proposed plan of financing said Project.
4. That the Project consists of the installation of a new pump station at Morg Branch and various other system improvements.
5. That Applicant proposes to finance the construction of the Project through the issuance of \$225,000 of its Waterworks Revenue Bonds. Applicant has a commitment from RD to purchase said \$225,000 of bonds maturing over a 40-year period, at an interest rate not to exceed 4.25% per annum as set out in the RD Letter of Conditions filed herewith as an Exhibit.

6. That Applicant does not contemplate having the Project constructed with any deviation from minimum construction standards of this Public Service Commission.

7. That Applicant files herewith the following Exhibits pursuant to 807 KAR 5:069 in support of this Application:

- A. Copy of RD Letter of Conditions (**Exhibit "A"**).
- B. Copy of RD Letter of Concurrence in Contract Award (**Exhibit "B"**).
- C. Copy of Preliminary and Final Engineering Reports.
- D. Certified statement from the Chairman of Applicant, based upon statements of the Engineers for Applicant (**Exhibit "C"**), 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 proposed rates of 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 end.

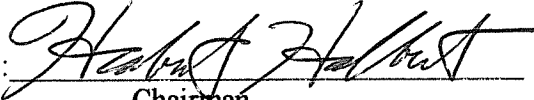
8. That Applicant has arranged for the publication, prior to or at the same time this Application is filed, of a Notice of Proposed Rate Change pursuant to Section 2 of 807 KAR 5:069, in the Floyd County Times and the Troublesome Creek Times, which are the newspapers of general circulation in Applicant's service area and in Floyd and Knott Counties, Kentucky. Said Notice sets out the current rates and the proposed rates of Applicant and a short description of the Project. A copy of said Notice is filed herewith as **Exhibit "D"**.

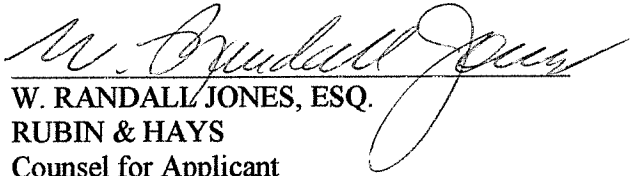
9. That the foregoing constitutes the documents necessary to obtain the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in accordance with Section 278.023 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and in accordance with the "Filing Requirements" specified in 807 KAR 5:069, Section 1.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, the Southern Water and Sewer District, asks that the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky grant to Applicant the following:

- a. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity permitting Applicant to construct a waterworks project consisting of extensions, additions, and improvements to the existing waterworks system of Applicant.
- b. An Order approving the financing arrangements made by Applicant, viz., the issuance of \$225,000 of Southern Water and Sewer District Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 at an interest rate not to exceed 4.25% per annum.
- c. An Order approving the proposed increased rates as set out in Section 22 of the RD Letter of Conditions filed herewith as an Exhibit.

SOUTHERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

By: 
Chairman
Board of Water Commissioners


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United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development
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May 2, 2005

Mr. Hubert Halbert, Chairman
Southern Water and Sewer District
P.O. Box 610
McDowell, Kentucky 41647

Dear Mr. Halbert:

This letter establishes conditions which must be understood and agreed to by you before further consideration may be given to the application. The loan 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 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 \$225,000.

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 6,016 existing water users. The Area Director will review and authenticate the number of users prior to advertising for construction bids. No contribution is required from the Water District.

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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. Recommended Repayment Method:

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 Area Director 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 \$105.00 per month into a "Funded Depreciation Reserve Account" until the account reaches \$12,600. The deposits are to be resumed any time the account falls below the \$12,600.

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.

6. Land Rights and Real Property:

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. Business Operations:

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 statistical and financial reports, quarterly and annually, in accordance with subsection 1780.47 of RUS Instruction 1780 and RUS Staff Instruction 1780-4, a copy of which is enclosed. The enclosed audit booklet will be used as a guide for preparation of audits. The Water District will be required to establish and maintain separate accounts for each system. Annual audits, budgets, and reports will be submitted to Rural Development showing separate accounts. The Water District shall be required to submit a copy of its audit agreement for review and approval prior to pre-closing the loan.

10. 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 \$152,000.
- 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.

11. 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 "20" 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 Area Director is prepared to furnish the necessary guide 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.

12. Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity:

You should be aware of and will be required to comply with other federal statute requirements including but not limited to:

A. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), no handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of their handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Rural Development financial assistance.

B. Civil Rights Act of 1964:

All borrowers are subject to, and facilities must be operated in accordance with, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*) and Subpart E of Part 1901 of this Title, particularly as it relates to conducting and reporting of compliance reviews. Instruments of conveyance for loans and/or grants subject to the Act must contain the covenant required by paragraph 1901.202(e) of this Title.

C. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990:

This Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government services, public transportation, public accommodations, facilities, and telecommunications. Title II of the Act applies to facilities operated by state and local public entities that provide services, programs, and activities. Title III of the Act applies to facilities owned, leased, or operated by private entities that accommodate the public.

D. Age Discrimination Act of 1975:

This Act (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*) provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Rural Development financial programs must be extended without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age, or physical or mental handicap.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Treatment Plant/System Operator:

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

16. 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."

17. 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.

18. Commercial Interim Financing:

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.

19. Disbursement of Project Funds:

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. 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.

20. Cost of Facility:

Breakdown of Costs:

Development	\$ 182,400
Legal and Administrative	4,600
Engineering	18,700
Interest	1,100
Contingencies	<u>18,200</u>
TOTAL	\$ 225,000

Financing:

RUS Loan	\$ <u>225,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 225,000

21. Proposed Operating Budget:

You will be required to submit to Rural Development a copy of your proposed annual operating budget that supports the proposed loan repayment prior to this agency giving you written authorization to proceed with the bidding phase. The operating budget should be based on a typical year cash flow, subject to completion of this project in the first full year of operation. Form RD 442-7, "Operating Budget," or similar form may be utilized for this purpose.

22. 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	2,000	gallons @ \$	16.50 - Minimum Bill.
All Over	2,000	gallons @ \$	5.60 - per 1,000 gallons.

Wholesale rate to City of Hindman - \$ 2.40 - per 1,000 gallons

23. 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.

24. Water Withdrawal Permit:

The Water District will be required to obtain satisfactory evidence that a revised water withdrawal permit has been secured from the Division of Water. The permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of construction on the water project.

25. Mitigation Measures:

- A. The project shall be in compliance with all requirements noted in the Kentucky Department for Local Government letter dated February 8, 2005, 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 March 24, 2005, 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.

26. Final Approval Conditions:

Final approval of this assistance 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 Area Director will allot a reasonable portion of time to provide guidance in application processing.

Sincerely,


KENNETH SLONE
State Director

Enclosures

cc: Area Director - Morehead, Kentucky
Rural Development Manager - Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Big Sandy ADD - Prestonsburg, Kentucky
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✓ Rubin and Hays - Louisville, Kentucky
O'Brien & Gere - Lexington, Kentucky
PSC - ATTN: Bob Amato - Frankfort, Kentucky



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**
Kentucky State Office

September 8, 2005

SUBJECT: Southern Water and Sewer District
Morg Branch Pump Station Upgrades
Contract Award Concurrence

TO: Area Director
Morehead, 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, Kenney, Inc., in the amount of \$168,067.00.

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


KENNETH SLONE
State Director
Rural Development

cc: O'Brien and Gere
Lexington, Kentucky

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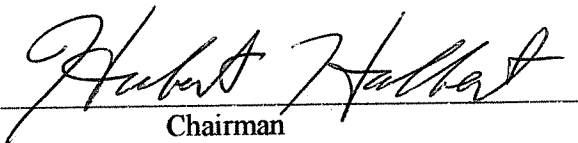
**CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT,
AS TO STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 1(5) OF 807 KAR 5:069**

I, Hubert Halbert, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Chairman of the Southern Water and Sewer District of Floyd and Knott Counties, 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 O'Brien & Gere, Lexington, Kentucky, the Engineers for the District (the "Engineers").

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 rates proposed by the District in its current Application filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission are contemplated to produce total revenue requirements set out in the Engineering Reports prepared by such Engineers and filed with the Public Service Commission.
4. That it is now contemplated that construction of the Project will begin on or about October 15, 2005, and will end on or April 15, 2006.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature this September 15, 2005.



Chairman
Southern Water and Sewer District

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
) SS
COUNTY OF FLOYD)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Hubert Halbert, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Southern Water and Sewer District, on this September 15, 2005.



Notary Public
In and For Said State and County

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as set out in 807 KAR 5:069, Section 2, notice is hereby given to the customers of the Southern Water and Sewer District of a change to the District's rate schedule as set forth herein. The proposed rate increase is required by Rural Development in connection with a loan by the RD to the District in the amount of \$225,000 to be evidenced by the issuance by the District of its Waterworks Revenue Bonds in such amount, which the RD has agreed to purchase provided the District meets certain conditions of the RD, including increasing water rates as set forth below:

Current Monthly Rates

All Meters:

First 2,000 gallons	\$14.80 minimum bill
All over 2,000 gallons	4.30 per 1,000 gallons
Wholesale Rate - City of Hindman	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons

Proposed Monthly Rates

All Meters:

First 2,000 gallons	\$16.50 minimum bill
All over 2,000 gallons	5.60 per 1,000 gallons
Wholesale Rate - City of Hindman	\$2.40 per 1,000 gallons

The RD loan proceeds will be used to finance the cost of extensions, additions and improvements to the existing waterworks system of the District, consisting of the installation of a new pump station at Morg Branch and various other system improvements. Signed: Hubert Halbert, Chairman Southern Water and Sewer District, McDowell, Kentucky