

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION FOR TARIFF REVISIONS AND	)	
TO INCREASE CERTAIN NONRECURRING	)	CASE NO.
CHARGES FOR BULLITT UTILITIES, INC.	)	2009-00221
D/B/A HUNTERS HOLLOW SEWER PLANT	)	

DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF  
TO BULLITT UTILITIES, INC.

Bullitt Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Hunters Hollow Sewer Plant (“Bullitt Utilities”), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and four copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested is due on or before July 28, 2009. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person’s knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Bullitt Utilities shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though

correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Bullitt Utilities fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Bullitt Utilities shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

All tax identification numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth, and e-mail addresses of individuals should be redacted from material to be filed herein. Otherwise, careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. In Bullitt Utilities' filing of proposed tariff sheet No. 5, under "Discontinuance of Service by Utility," Bullitt Utilities provides for a 48-hour notice to a customer for discontinuance due to nonpayment of a bill. 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(1)(f)(2), requires five days' written notice by a sewer utility of intent to terminate.

a. Has Bullitt Utilities obtained any deviation from the Commission from this rule?

b. Does Bullitt Utilities wish to amend its proposed tariff language to comply with the regulation requiring five days' notice?

2. In Bullitt Utilities' filing of proposed tariff revised sheet No. 6, numbered paragraph 4, and in its charge cost justification, there is a provision called "Administrative and Transportation Fee Where Lawsuit Filed." As to the cost justification of the proposed fee as required by 807 KAR 5:011, Section 6(2)(c), answer the following:

a. Describe all equipment that is being furnished to the customer by Bullitt Utilities.

b. Describe all services that are being furnished to the customer by Bullitt Utilities.

c. Did Bullitt Utilities compile a cost-of-service study justifying the proposed charges? If so, attach a copy to your answer.

3. In Bullitt Utilities' filing of proposed tariff sheet No. 6, numbered paragraph 5, listed as "Termination of Service Charge and Reconnection of Service Charge," and its charge cost justification calculation, it appears that Bullitt Utilities proposes to physically disconnect any sewer customer who has not paid his sewer bill. In Administrative Case No. 347,<sup>1</sup> the Commission addressed the issue of disconnection for nonpayment of the sewer bill and found that plugging a sewer line is costly and imposes a disproportionate hardship on the customer, rendering his residence uninhabitable as a result. However, the Commission has said a water district could

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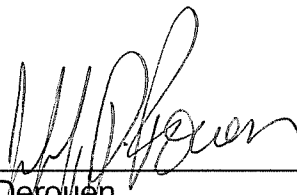
<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 347, An Investigation Into the Collection and Billing Practices of Privately Owned Sewer Utilities (Ky. PSC Jan 9, 1995).

apply for a deviation for such an arrangement.<sup>2</sup> According to the current tariff, Louisville Water Company, a utility not subject to Commission regulation, provides billing services for Bullitt Utilities.

a. Is Louisville Water Company the provider of water service to all customers of Bullitt Utilities?

b. Do Bullitt Utilities and Louisville Water Company have any agreement to discontinue water service for nonpayment of a bill for sewer services, including refusal to accept partial payment of the Louisville Water Company bill?

c. Has there been any correspondence or other communication between Bullitt Utilities and Louisville Water Company concerning their ability to terminate water service as a method of sewer bill collection? If so, attach copies of all correspondence or notes of communications.

  
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cc: All Parties

<sup>2</sup> In Case No. 2009-00002, Filing of Peaks Mill Water District Requesting a Deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14, a deviation was granted to Peaks Mill Water District to terminate water service for nonpayment of a sewer bill per an agreement with Classic Construction, Inc., a jurisdictional sewer utility (Ky. PSC Apr. 2, 2009).

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