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Frankfort, Kentucky 40602
Re: North Mercer Water District PSC Application

Dear Mr. Derouen:
Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of the Application of the North Mercer Water District for an Order authorizing the District to issue securities pursuant to KRS 278.300.

This Application requests approval of the issuance of securities for the purpose of refunding certain high interest Bonds of the Applicant. Due to the extreme volatility of the financial markets and the fact that this refunding is interest rate sensitive, we request that the Commission process the Application in an expedited manner and issue an Order on or before May 27, 2010 (the closing date).

Thank you for your assistance and if you need any additional information or documentation, please let us know.

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Enclosures
Sincerely,
Rubin \& Hays

cc: Ms. Mischell Lee, North Mercer Water District
Ms. Kristen Millard, Morgan Keegan

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE APPLICATION OF NORTH
MERCER WATER DISTRICT TO ISSUE SECURITIES IN THE APPROXMATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 7 8 5 , 0 0 0}$ FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING REVENUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 278.300 AND 807 KAR 5:001

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## APPLICATION

The Applicant, North Mercer Water District (the "District"), files this Application pursuant to KRS 278.300, 807 KAR 5:001, and all other applicable laws and regulations, and requests that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") enter an Order authorizing the District to issue certain securities in the approximate principal sum $\$ 1,785,000$ (subject to adjustment of up to $10 \%$ ), for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding waterworks revenue bonds of the District. In support of this Application, and in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, the District states as follows:

1. The District was established in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes pursuant to an Order of the County Judge/Executive of Mercer County, which Order is on file in the County Court Order Books in the office of the Clerk of Mercer County, Kentucky. The District is now, and has been since its inception, regulated by the Commission, and
all records and proceedings of the Commission with reference to the District are incorporated in this Application by reference. The District does not have any Articles of Incorporation due to the fact that it is a statutory entity.
2. The governing body of the District is its Board of Commissioners which is a public body corporate, with power to make contracts in furtherance of its lawful and proper purpose as provided for in KRS 74.070 and all applicable law and regulations.
3. The mailing address of the District is as follows:

North Mercer Water District
c/o Mr. Roy Short, Chairman
P.O. Box 79

Salvisa, Kentucky 40372
Telephone: (859) 865-2292
4. A general description of the District's water system property, together with a statement of the original cost, is contained in the District's Annual Report for 2009 which is on file with the Commission. The Annual Report is incorporated herein by reference.
5. The District proposes to borrow funds from the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation ("KRWFC") pursuant to an Assistance Agreement (the "KRWFC Loan"), in the estimated principal amount of $\$ 1,785,000$ (subject to adjustment of up to $10 \%$ ) for the purpose of refunding the outstanding revenue bonds designated as (i) North Mercer Water District Waterworks Revenue Bonds of 1992, dated January 24, 1994, in the original principal amount of $\$ 1,231,000$ (the "1992 Bonds"), currently held by USDA, Rural Development; and (ii) North Mercer Water District Waterworks Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1996, dated January 1, 1996, in the original principal amount of $\$ 1,220,000$ (the " 1996 Bonds"), currently held in the open market (the 1994 Bonds and the 1996 Bonds being hereinafter referred to as the "Prior Bonds").
6. The estimated debt service for the KRWFC Loan is shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The debt service schedule and estimated interest rates are subject to change because of market conditions. The final terms and details of the KRWFC Loan may vary from the present assumptions based upon market conditions and other business judgment factors.
7. The KRWFC Loan will provide the District with the funds necessary to (i) refund the Prior Bonds; and (iii) pay the fees and expenses incident to the issuance of the KRWFC Loan.
8. The Sources and Uses of Funds to be obtained from the issuance of the KRWFC Loan are detailed as Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
9. It is anticipated that the proposed refinancing will generate a net combined present value savings of approximately $\$ 152,065.39$. These savings are shown on the Debt Service Comparison, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit C.
10. The final principal amount of the KRWFC Loan will be adjusted, based upon final interest rates which will be known on or about the date of sale of the proposed KRWFC Loan. Final financial figures will be submitted to the Commission in a timely manner. The Applicant will not issue the securities if interest rates in the bond market shift to a point where the Applicant will not achieve any savings.
11. The Debt Service Schedule of the outstanding Prior Bonds being refunded is set forth in Exhibit D.
12. The District represents that the KRWFC Loan is in the public interest and is intended to accomplish the purpose of strengthening the financial condition of the District by producing substantial debt service savings. This is a lawful object within the corporate purposes of the District's utility operations. The KRWFC Loan is necessary, appropriate for, and consistent with
the proper performance by the District of its service to the public and will not impair its ability to perform that service.
13. The District represents that it will, as soon as reasonably possible after the closing of the KRWFC Loan, file with the Commission a statement setting forth the date of issuance of the KRWFC Loan, the price paid, the fees and expenses incurred in the issuance of the KRWFC Loan, and the terms and interest rates of the KRWFC Loan.
14. The detailed Statement of Revenue and Expenses, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows for the twelve month period ending on December 31, 2009 are attached hereto and incorporated herein be reference as Exhibit E respectively.
15. The remaining financial schedules and other information necessary for the Financial Exhibit required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6 and Section 11 (2) (a) are contained in the 2009 Annual Report which is on file with the Commission. The Annual Report is incorporated herein by reference.
16. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, the District hereby responds as follows:
(a) Section 6(4) Mortgages: The District does not have any mortgages in effect as of the date hereof.
(b) Section 6(5) Bonds: The KRWFC Loan will be secured by a pledge of the revenues of the District's System.
(c) Section 11(2)(b): The District does not have any trust deeds in effect as of the date hereof.
(d) Section $11(2)(\mathrm{c})$ : No property is being acquired as the proceeds of the securities are being used for the refunding of the Prior Bonds.
17. The District hereby requests and moves for a deviation, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14, from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6 , which requires that the financial data filed with the Application be for a twelve (12) month period ending within ninety (90) days of the filing of the application. The District states that there has been no change that is material in nature in the financial condition or operation of the District since December 31, 2009. The financial data filed with this Application is for the twelve (12) month period ending December 31, 2009. This is the most recent published financial data available. Because of the volatility of the bond market, the District cannot run the risk of delaying the closing of the KRWFC Loan while more current financial data is compiled.
18. No rate adjustment will be necessary.

WHEREFORE, the District respectfully requests that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Authorize the issuance of the securities requested in the Application prior to the estimated closing date of May 27, 2010;
2. Grant the District a deviation, to the extent necessary, from 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6 to allow the submission of the District's 2009 Annual Report and 2009 audit in lieu of more recent financial data, there being no material change in the data in 2010 and due to the volatility of the present bond market; and
3. Process this Application without a formal hearing in order to save time and expense. The District will promptly respond to any information requests by the Commission's staff.

North Mercer Water District


Rubin \& Hays


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Counsel for North Mercer Water District

## STATE OF KENTUCKY )

## COUNTY OF MERCER )

The affiant, Roy Short, being first duly sworn, states: That he is the Chairman of the North Mercer Water District, the Applicant in this case; that he has read the foregoing Application and has noted the contents thereof; that the same are true of his own knowledge and belief, except as to matters which are herein stated to be based on information or belief, and that these matters, he believes to be true and correct.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signature of the undersigned on the $9 \underline{\text { th }}$ day of April, 2010.


SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me by Roy Short, Chairman of the North Mercer Water District, on this the $q+h$ day of April, 2010.

My Commission expires: May 28,20/2
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## \$1,785,000

North Mercer Water District
Refunding of Series 1994 Loan
through the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation
Debt Service Schedule


Morgan Keegan \& Company, Inc.

# \$1,785,000 <br> North Mercer Water District <br> Refunding of Series 1994 Loan through the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation 

## Sources \& Uses

## Dated 05/27/2010 | Delivered 05/27/2010

Sources Of Funds
Par Amount of Bonds ..... \$1,785,000.00
Reoffering Premium ..... 12,955.95
Transfers from Prior Issue Debt Service Funds ..... 53,736.25
Transfers from Prior Issue DSR Funds. ..... 95,040.00
Total Sources ..... \$1,946,732.20
Uses Of Funds
Total Underwriter's Discount (1.750\%) ..... 31,237.50
Costs of Issuance ..... 31,060.00
Deposit to Current Refunding Fund. ..... 1,883,640.22
Rounding Amount ..... 794.48
Total Uses. ..... \$1,946,732.20

# \$1,785,000 <br> North Mercer Water District Refunding of Series 1994 Loan through the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation 

Debt Service Comparison

| Date | Total P+1 | Expenses | Net New D/S | Old Net D/S | Savings |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12/30/2010 | 11,636.67 | $\cdot$ | 11,636.67 | 50,104.38 | 38,467.71 |
| 12/30/2011 | 80,287.51 | 450.00 | 80,737.51 | 159,569.38 | 78,831.87 |
| 12/30/2012 | 149,162.51 | 450.00 | 149,612.51 | 162,129.38 | 12,516.87 |
| 12/30/2013 | 152,193.76 | 450.00 | 152,643.76 | 165,340.01 | 12,696.25 |
| 12/30/2014 | 150,168.76 | 450.00 | 150,618.76 | 163,308.76 | 12,690.00 |
| 12/30/2015 | 148,143.76 | 450.00 | 148,593.76 | 165,062.51 | 16,468.75 |
| 12/30/2016 | 155,506.26 | 450.00 | 155,956.26 | 168,440.01 | 12,483.75 |
| 12/30/2017 | 147,337.51 | 450.00 | 147,787.51 | 164,508.13 | 16,720.62 |
| 12/30/2018 | 154,087.51 | 450.00 | 154,537.51 | 167,261.25 | 12,723.74 |
| 12/30/2019 | 155,318.76 | 450.00 | 155,768.76 | 168,600.00 | 12,831.24 |
| 12/30/2020 | 151,193.76 | 450.00 | 151,643.76 | 165,664.38 | 14,020.62 |
| 12/30/2021 | 151,687.51 | 450.00 | 152,137.51 | 166,454.38 | 14,316.87 |
| 12/30/2022 | 151,693.76 | 450.00 | 152,143.76 | 167,830.00 | 15,686.24 |
| 12/30/2023 | 161,275.01 | 450.00 | 161,725.01 | 173,624.38 | 11,899.37 |
| 12/30/2024 | 67,450.01 | 450.00 | 67,900.01 | 82,470.63 | 14,570.62 |
| 12/30/2025 | 65,537.51 | 450.00 | 65,987.51 | 82,648.75 | 16,661.24 |
| 12/30/2026 | 68,518.76 | 450.00 | 68,968.76 | 83,638.75 | 14,669.99 |
| 12/30/2027 | 71,253.13 | 450.00 | 71,703.13 | 84,413.75 | 12,710,62 |
| 12/30/2028 | 73,737.50 | 450.00 | 74,187.50 | 85,946.88 | 11,759.38 |
| 12/30/2029 | 71,075.00 | 450.00 | 71,525.00 | 87,211.26 | 15,686.26 |
| 12/30/2030 | 73,262.50 | 450.00 | 73,712.50 | 88,206.88 | 14,494.38 |
| 12/30/2031 | 75,181.25 | 450.00 | 75,631.25 | 89,906.88 | 14,275.63 |
| 12/30/2032 | 76,781.25 | 450.00 | 77,231.25 | 89,338.13 | 12,106.88 |
| TOTAL | \$2,562,489.96 | \$11,250.00 | \$2,573,739.96 | \$2,981,678.86 | \$407,938.90 |


| Gross FV Debt Service Savings | 407,938.90 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Transfers from Prior Issue Debt Service Fund. | (53,736.25) |
| Transfers from Prior Issue DSR Fund. | (95,040.00) |
| Contingency or Rounding Amount. | 794.48 |
| Net Benefit. | \$259,957.13 |
| PV Analysis Summary (Net to Net) |  |
| Gross PV Debt Service Savings... | 306,835.92 |
| Effects of changes in Expenses. | $(6,788.76)$ |
| Net PV Cashflow Savings @ $4.421 \%$ (AIC).. | 300,047.16 |
| Transfers from Prior Issue Debt Service Fund. | $(53,736.25)$ |
| Transfers from Prior Issue DSR Fund. | (95,040.00) |
| Contingency or Rounding Amount.. | 794.48 |
| Net Present Value Benefit. | \$152,065.39 |
| Net PV Benefit / \$1,843,000 Refunded Principal. | 8.251\% |
| Net PV Benefit / \$1,785,000 Refunding Principal | 8.519\% |

## Refunding Bond Information

Refunding Dated Date....................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................... 5/27/2010
Refunding Delivery Date..............

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## North Mercer Water District USDA-RD Loan <br> Series 1994

## Debt Service To Maturity And To Call



## Yield Statistics

| Average Life, | 13.753 Years |
| :---: | :---: |
| Weighted Average Maturity (Par Basis) | 13.753 Years |
| Average Coupon. | 5.3750005\% |
| Refunding Bond Information |  |
| Refunding Dated Date... | 5/27/2010 |
| Refunding Delivery Date. <br> 4/12/2010 \| 1:16 PM | 5/27/2010 |

Morgan Keegan \& Company, Inc.

## North Mercer Water District

Series 1996

Debt Service To Maturity And To Call

| Date | kerunaed Bonds | interest to | D/S To Call | Principal | Coupon | Interest | Refunded D/S |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 07/01/2010 | 810,000.00 | 18,122.25 | 828,122.25 | - | - | 22,342.50 | 22,342.50 |
| 01/01/2011. | - | - | - | 40,000.00 | 5.375\% | 22,342.50 | 62,342.50 |
| 07/01/2011 | - | - | - | - | - | 21,267.50 | 21,267.50 |
| 01/01/2012 | - | - | - | 45,000.00 | 5.375\% | 21,267.50 | 66,267.50 |
| 07/01/2012 | - | - | - |  | - | 20,058.13 | 20,058.13 |
| 01/01/2013 | - | - | - | 50,000.00 | 5.375\% | 20,058.13 | 70,058.13 |
| 07/01/2013 | - | - | - | - |  | 18,714.38 | 18,714.38 |
| 01/01/2014 | - | - | - | 50,000.00 | 5.375\% | 18,714.38 | 68,714.38 |
| 07/01/2014 | * | - | - |  |  | 17,370.63 | 17,370.63 |
| 01/01/2015 | - | - |  | 55,000.00 | 5.375\% | 17,370.63 | 72,370.63 |
| 07/01/2015 | - | - | - |  |  | 15,892.50 | 15,892.50 |
| 01/01/2016 | - | - | - | 60,000.00 | 5.375\% | 15,892.50 | 75,892.50 |
| 07/01/2016 | - | - | - |  |  | 14,280.00 | 14,280.00 |
| 01/01/2017 | - | - | - | 60,000.00 | 5.600\% | 14,280.00 | 74,280.00 |
| 07/01/2017 | - | - | - | - | - | 12,600.00 | 12,600.00 |
| 01/01/2018 | - | - | - | 65,000.00 | 5.600\% | 12,600.00 | 77,600.00 |
| 07/01/2018 | - | - |  | - |  | 10,780.00 | 10,780.00 |
| 01/01/2019 | - | - | - | 70,000.00 | 5.600\% | 10,780.00 | 80,780.00 |
| 07/01/2019 | - | - | - | - | - | 8,820.00 | 8,820.00 |
| 01/01/2020 | - | - | - | 70,000.00 | 5.600\% | 8,820.00 | 78,820.00 |
| 07/01/2020 | - | - | - |  |  | 6,860.00 | 6,860.00 |
| 01/01/2021 | - | - |  | 75,000.00 | 5.600\% | 6,860.00 | 81,860.00 |
| 07/01/2021 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,760.00 | 4,760.00 |
| 01/01/2022 | - | - | - | 80,000.00 | 5.600\% | 4,760.00 | 84,760.00 |
| 07/01/2022 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 |
| 01/01/2023 | - | - | - | 90,000.00 | 5.600\% | 2,520.00 | 92,520.00 |
| Total | \$810,000.00 | \$18,122.25 | \$828,122.25 | \$810,000.00 | - | \$352,531.28 | \$1,162,531.28 |

## Yield Statistics

| Average Life. | 7.422 Years |
| :---: | :---: |
| Weighted Average Maturity (Par Basis) | 7.422 Years |
| Average Coupon..... | 5.5628218\% |
| Refunding Bond Information |  |
| Refunding Dated Date. | 5/27/2010 |
| Refunding Delivery Date. | 5/27/2010 |

## Revenue:

Water revenues \$ 1,370,567
Other operating revenues 42,229
Total operating revenues $\quad 1,412,796$

## Operating expenses:

Source of supply 496,401
Transmission and distribution 363,100
Taxes 27,903
Customer accounts 187,550
General and administrative $\quad 150,066$
Depreciation 336,234
Total operating expenses $\quad 1,561,254$

Utility operating loss
$(148,458)$
Non-operating revenues (expenses):
Sale of fixed assets 387
Interest income 33,038
Interest expense
$(222,658)$
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)
$(189,233)$
Net loss before contributions
$(337,691)$
Capital contributions
444,946

Change in net assets
107,255
Net assets, beginning of year
5,130,371

Net assets, end of year
$\$ \quad 5,237,626$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS <br> December 31, 2009 

## LIABILITIES:

## Current liabilities:

Payable from current assets:
Accounts payable $\quad \$ \quad 18,821$
Accrued liabilities 3,577
Customer deposits 41,330
Note payable $\quad 20,768$

## Payable from restricted assets:

Retainage payable
15,839
Accrued interest payable $\quad 68,010$
Current portion of long-term liabilities
81,500
165,349

## Total current liabilities

249,845

## Long-term liabilities:

Accrued compensated absences
5,227
Water revenue bonds
Notes due to State of Kentucky
Total long-term liabilities
3,941,500

Total liabilities
382,500
4,329,227
-
4,579,072

## NET ASSETS:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt
3,990,634
Restricted:
Debt service $\quad 151,414$
Capital projects $\quad 414,676$
Unrestricted
TOTAL NET ASSETS
680,902
5,237,626

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## ASSETS

Current assets:
Cash and cash equivalents ..... \$ 335,674
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted ..... 151,698
Investments ..... 124,933
Investments-restricted ..... 403,201
Accounts receivable-customers ..... 194,588
Interest receivable ..... 3,164
Materials and supplies ..... 58,474
Prepaid expenses ..... 17,185
Total current assets ..... $1,288,917$
Non-current assets:
Restricted assets:
Investments ..... 95,040
Utility plant:
Construction work in progress ..... 389,884
Plant in service ..... 12,744,879
Less accumulated depreciation ..... (4,702,022)
Net utility plant ..... 8,432,741
Total non-current assets ..... 8,527,781
Total assets \$ ..... 9,816,698
Reconciliation of utility operating income tonet cash provided by operating activities:
Utility operating loss ..... \$ $(148,458)$
Depreciation ..... 336,234
(Increase) decrease in:
Accounts receivable$(14,187)$
Materials and supplies ..... $(7,751)$
Prepaid expenses ..... $(1,892)$
Increase (decrease) in:
Accounts payable ..... $(9,847)$
Accrued liabilities ..... 148
Customer deposits ..... 5,248
Accrued compensated absences ..... 534
Net cash provided by operating activities: ..... 160,029
Schedule of cash and cash equivalents:
Beginning of period:
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents ..... 460,652
Restricted cash and cash equivalents ..... 50,840
Total cash used: ..... 511,492
End of period:
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents ..... 335,674
Restricted cash and cash equivalents ..... 151,698
Total cash:

487,372

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT <br> STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS <br> YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Cash flows from operating activities:
Cash inflows:
Payments received from customers ..... $\$ \quad 1,398,609$
Deposits received from customers ..... 5,248
Total cash provided: ..... 1,403,857
Cash outflows:
Payments for salaries and benefits ..... 451,175
Payments to suppliers for goods and services ..... 792,653
Total cash used: ..... 1,243,828
Net cash provided by operating activities ..... 160,029
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:
Note issuance ..... 20,768
Sale of fixed assets ..... 387
System development fees received ..... 444,474
Payments for utility plant$(539,294)$
Principal payments of bonds ..... $(46,000)$
Principal payments of debt$(35,000)$
Interest payments of bonds and debt ..... $(155,764)$
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities ..... $(310,429)$
Cash flows from investing activities:
Investments matured ..... 89,960
Interest received from investments ..... 36,320
Net cash provided by investing activities ..... 126,280
Net cash flow from all activities$(24,120)$
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period ..... 511,492
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period\$487,372

