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RE: CASE NO. 2016-00142 MARTIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please add this letter to the public comments section in the above case.

I am a lifelong resident of Martin County and have been a paying water customer for thirty years at my current address. In approximately 2007-2008, the 450-ft. long water distribution line that served our home was damaged beyond repair by new highway construction near the intersection of KY-645/908 and KY-40 east of Inez. The Kentucky Department of Highways agreed to have the line replaced and Martin County Water District completed the work.

Martin County Water District abandoned the former location of the line and installed a new 6-inch distribution line in a new location that nearly doubled the length of the line from the main system on KY-40. Instead of looping the 6-inch line back into the main system to ensure a fresh flow of potable water, Martin County Water District chose to dead-end the line at an existing fire hydrant in front of my home. This 6-inch dead-end line serves only my home.

Inasmuch as my family cannot use enough water to keep a fresh supply in this line, and due to Martin County Water's failure to flush the line adequately or otherwise, we are served with stagnant water that has either a foul, rotted odor or a strong chlorine odor. We frequently experience uncomfortable skin irritations including burning and chapping after showering, rashes, itch, and breakouts.

Furthermore, according to professional appliance repairmen, contracted through Sears, and independent licensed plumbers who have performed work in our home, sediment in our water has damaged and destroyed appliances including clothes washer, water heaters, dishwasher, icemakers, and coffee makers. Currently our in-ground concrete swimming pool is coated with the same white-colored sediment that clogged and destroyed a two-year-old water heater in May.

In addition to these and other issues with our water, such as extended outages, discolored water, and low or fluctuating pressure, we are forced to spend more than \$100 a month for bottled water to drink.

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Attached to this letter are pictures of the two-year-old water heater and a less-than-10-years-old water heater that had to be discarded and replaced by a licensed plumber in May 2017. Please note that the slimy gunk on the ground came from inside the water heater. I am also attaching a water filter that was installed by a licensed plumber and in use for less than one month at the time of the photograph in May 2017. As you can see, the white filter is discolored and dirt-filled.

Thank you for your consideration and effort in our ongoing water issues.

Very truly yours,

Lin Smith Stayton LISA SMITH STAYTON

Attachments: 3 photographs





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