

**From:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)  
**To:** "jackie tash"  
**Subject:** RE: your comments in case 2016-00142 - Martin County Water District  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 09, 2018 10:02:00 AM

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Dear Ms. Tash:

Thank you for your comments on the Kentucky Public Service Commission's investigation of the operating capacity of the Martin County Water District

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2016-00142. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at [http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2016-00142](http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2016-00142).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:22 AM  
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my name is... Jacqueline Tash and my place of residence is 110 Bandmill Rd. Inez, Ky. 41224

On Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 4:34 PM, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <[Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov)> wrote:

If you wish to have your comments placed into the case file, please REPLY TO THIS E-MAIL and provide your full name and place of residence.

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**From:** jackie tash [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018 7:47 PM

**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>

**Subject:** martin county water

im a paying water customer of inez kentucky. our water was shut off on monday 1-8-18 for reasons i have no clue there has been so many reasons given. there are so many customers doing without water except the inez area where car washes are being used while 100's of customers havent had water for days. some are getting water turned on for a few hours and then getting shut back off, while inez is keeping it. something has to be done, the way they are treating us is very inhumane while mr hammonds is telling wsaz the reason why he doesnt turn off to everyone is that he would just have that much more complaints. we are always the ones that have to do with out and its not right. this county needs a huge wake up call state officials needs to come in and do something and stand up for us citizens of this county. ive enclosed some screenshots of posts that were made by the water department and of vehicles being washed in inez today while people were being without water for 3 days. would someone PLEASE do something to come into this county and help us.

**From:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)  
**To:** "gball"  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2016-00142 - Martin County Water District  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 09, 2018 9:39:00 AM

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Dear Mr. Ball:

Thank you for your comments on the Kentucky Public Service Commission's investigation of the operating capacity of the Martin County Water District

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 1:48 PM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** COMMENT ON PSC CASE 2016-00142 (INVESTIGATION/MARTIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT)

I want to comment on PSC Case No. 2016-00142 concerning the Martin County Water District. First, I got the impression from testimony at the PSC hearing on Feb. 28 that a tentative agreement between MCWD and Prestonsburg City Utilities that a three-year lease agreement had been reached between the two parties with MCWD agreeing to lease the Honey Branch Tank (federal prison tank) to Prestonsburg for \$16,500 a month. I thought it was a "done deal" until I read Prestonsburg letter on file with the PSC for MCWD being in arrears over \$80,000 in payment for water MCWD received during our winter water crisis.

To hear the Prestonsburg will terminate providing emergency back-up water later this month if payment hasn't been made in full disturbs me. While our current commissioners may not believe a crisis could happen (no freezing temperatures this

time of the year), there are a number of factors that could create an emergency, the chief being failure of pumps on the Tug River to supply 2 million gallons of water per day to meet customer demand.

I cannot understand why current commissioners haven't agreed to the tentative agreement worked out in Frankfort. I've thought this through and can only come to this conclusion. Prestonsburg wanted an off-set clause in the lease agreement, which simply ensures it will be paid for water it delivers each month with a deduction made to the monthly lease payment. That's reasonable. What is significant in this proposed agreement is the reciprocal terms of water purchased in that it would return to the \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons instead of the negotiated rate of \$7.75 per 1,000 the former MCWD board agreed to.

The only conclusion I can come to is MCWD is probably trying to pump all the water it can to the Honey Branch tank. Since the new lease hasn't been approved, MCWD hopes to sell all the water it can at the higher rate. The problem is that in order to do so, service will have to be cut back in other locations in the county. Would they shut down tanks at night without letting anyone know to do so? They've done it in the past and gotten by with it. In closing, as Prestonsburg pointed out in its letter, MCWD has never in the past been able to meet its obligation to furnish 50 percent of the water needed for federal prison as required in the joint agreement. To believe that they can now do it now with the current water rate loss and other problems is inconceivable. The PSC granted part of the district's request for an emergency rate increase. Now it appears these customers will have to endure more hardship with cutback in service so the water district can somehow supply water to the prison. It hasn't in the past and cannot now without cutting service to its customers. That's pretty clear.

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