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Dear Ms. (Mrs.) Mathews:

Please accept this as a letter and accompanying documents I ask that be placed in record for PSC Case No. 2016-00142 against the Martin County Water District. My name is Gary Ball, and an investigation was opened in April 2016 based partly on a complaint I filed in 2015 with the PSC against MCWD.

The purpose of this letter is to refute testimony given by MCWD Office Manager Joe Hammond at hearing before your agency Feb. 22 to state that the district had renegotiated a contract with Prestonsburg City Utilities regarding water service MCWD provide to the Honey Branch tank that serves the Honey Branch Industrial Park, as well as the U.S. Penitentiary — Big Sandy.

Hammond contends the purpose of the renegotiated agreement is to raise revenue for the water district. These documents clearly show this will not be the case with the water district's current water rate loss -- even if it has been reduced from 62 percent to roughly 44 percent as testified to in the Feb. 22 hearing.

MCWD has a joint agreement to supply half of the water provided to the prison with PCU providing the other half. (Daily usage is roughly 250,000 gallons per day.) The prison pays PCU, who, in turn, pays MCWD for water metered into the tank for the prison only.

The problem is, there are other customers -- all MCWD customers -- also served by this tank. There have been periods -- as shown by



these monthly invoices obtained by me through an open records request with PCU -- when Martin County has had to pay PCU for water service provided to MCWD sole customers.

Bear in mind these invoices reflect the rate of \$3.05 per 1,000 gallon units of water. In other words, any water supplied by MCWD to the federal prison was remitted from PCU's overall bill and paid to Martin County at that rate. Any water supplied by PCU to sole MCWD customers was also billed at this same rate.

The question is, based on MCWD's track record of supplying water not only to the prison but for its own customers, MCWD by renegotiating his agreement at well over double the old rate (\$7.75 per 1,000 gallon unit), has placed itself in a precarious financial position if it fails to provide water to the Honey Branch tank. Based on past performance, supplying water to this tank appears to be a Helter/Skelter type activity. As you can see, it bears no semblance of consistency. Some months MCWD might receive some money; other months they're paying quite a lot. What we've paid in the past will more than double now.

If MCWD had its water-rate loss problem in check (15 percent or below), an increase in this rate makes sense. However, at this point, it doesn't. All they've accomplished is agree to pay PCU more money for service they provide in the event MCWD isn't able to meet demand for its own customers.

Obviously, no thought was put into this matter. I know the PSC in its inquiries about operation of the district raised the question of the contract with PCU about supplying water to the prison. If we can provide it, great? But if not --- and there's no reason to believe MCWD can at this point --- then it's a double-edged sword that will end up costing us more money.

Gary Ball Ly Ball

MCWD water customer Editor Mountain Citizen

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Water Provided to Martin County November 24 through December 22, 2014:

**Total Provided** 

1,703,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 4,852.55

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$5,201.05

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Water Provided to Martin County October 28 through November 24, 2014:

**Total Provided** 

979,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 2,644.35

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$2,992.85

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October 29, 2014

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Water Provided to Martin County September 25, 2014 through October 28, 2014:

**Total provided** 

942,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons 2,531.50

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities <u>\$2,880.00</u>

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# SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission 2560 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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Water Provided by Martin County August 26 through September 25, 2014

Total Provided	235,000	235,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50	
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		375.15	
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>723.65</u>	

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### **SEPTEMBER 02, 2014**

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Water Provided by Martin County July 28 through August 26, 2014

Total Provided	2,303,000	Gallons
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		6,682.55
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>7,031.05</u>

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# JULY 29, 2014

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission 2560 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Water Provided by Martin County June 25 through July 28, 2014

Total Provided	148,000 G	allons
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		109.80
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	· \$	<u>458.30</u>

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# JUNE 27, 2014

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission 2560 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Water Provided by Martin County May 27 through June 25, 2014

Total Provided	940,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		2,525.90
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>2,873.90</u>

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# JUNE 04, 2014

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Water Provided by Martin County April 25 through May 27, 2014

Total Provided	5,077,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		15,143.25
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>15,491.75</u>



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# May 01, 2014

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Water Provided by Martin County March 26 through April 25, 2014

Total Provided	2,898,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		8,497.30
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>8,845.80</u>

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# March 31, 2014

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission 2560 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Water Provided by Martin County February 25 through March 26, 2014

Total Provided	1,109,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		3,040.85
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>3,389.35</u>

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#### **CORRECTED INVOICE**

Water Provided to Martin County January 28, 2013 through February 25, 2014:

**Total provided** 

1,270,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons 3,531.90

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities <u>\$3,880,40</u>

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January 29, 2014

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission 2560 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Water Provided by Martin County December 26 through January 28, 2013

Total Provided	231,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		362.95
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>711.45</u>



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Water Provided to Martin County November 23, 2015 thru December 28, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

1,576,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 4,465.20

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$4,813.70

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November 30, 2015

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Water Provided to Martin County October 23, 2015 thru November 23, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

3,824,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 11,321.60

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$11,670.10

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October 27, 2015

Martin County Water and Sewer District

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Water Provided to Martin County September 24, 2015 thru October 23, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

3,944,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 11,687.60

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$12,036.10

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September 30, 2015

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Water Provided to Martin County August 25, 2015 thru September 24, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

1,631,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 4,632.95

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$4,981.45

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August 27, 2015

Martin County Water and Sewer District

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Water Provided to Martin County July 27, 2015 thru August 25, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

1,943,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 5,584.55

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$5,933.05

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Water Provided to Martin County jUNE 24, 2015 thru JuLY 27, 2015:

Total Provided

1,781,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 5,090.45

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$5,438.95

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June 24, 2015

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Water Provided to Martin County May 26, 2015 thru June 24, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

1,806,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 5,166.70

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$5,515.20

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May 29, 2015

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Water Provided to Martin County April 27, 2015 thru May 26, 2015:

Total Provided	1,827,000 Gallons
First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.)	\$ 348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal	5,230.75
Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities	\$5,579.25

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Water Provided to Martin County March 25, 2015 thru April 27, 2015:

Total Provided 1,913,000 Gallons

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 5,493.05

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.)

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$5,841.55

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March 26, 2015

Martin County Water and Sewer District

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Water Provided to Martin County February 23, 2015 thru March 25, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

1,454,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 4,093.10

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$4,441.60

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February 23, 2015

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Water Provided to Martin County January 26, 2015 thru February 23, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

1,484,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 4,184.60

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$4,533.10

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January 28, 2015

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Water Provided to Martin County December 22, 2014 thru January 26, 2015:

**Total Provided** 

2,167,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @\$348.50(Min.) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal 6,267.75

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$6,616.25

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Water Provided to Martin County November 22, 2016 thru December 27, 2016:

Total Provided

4,867,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Minimum) \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 gal

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities

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Water Provided to Martin County October 25, 2016 through November 22, 2016:

**Total provided** 

617,000 Gallons

First 112,000 Gallons \$ 348.50

Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons 1.540.25

Total due Prestonsburg City's Utilities \$1,888.75

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# October 26, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County September 26, 2016 through October 25, 2016

Total Provided	2,811,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		8,231.95
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>8,580.45</u>

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# September 28, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County August 25, 2016 through September 26, 2016

Total Provided	927,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		2,485.75
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>2,834,25</u>

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## August 25, 2016

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission 2560 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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Water Provided by Martin County July 25, 2016 through August 25, 2016

Total Provided	148,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		109.80
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>458.30</u>

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# July 25, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County June 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016

Total Provided	2, 019,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		5,816.35
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>6,164.85</u>

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# June 27, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County May 24, 2016 through June 23, 2016

Total Provided	3, 583,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		10,586.55
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>10,935.05</u>

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May 24, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County April 25, 2016 through May 24, 2016

Total Provided	921,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		2,467.45
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>2,815.95</u>

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April 26, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County March 25, 2016 through April 25, 2016

Total Provided	3,832,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		11,346.00
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>11,694.50</u>

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### March 28, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County February 23, 2016 through March 25, 2016

Total Provided	3,858,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		11,425.30
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>11,773,80</u>

Note: Martin County Water owes Prestonsburg \$598	4.80	from past
invoices. After deducting this amount we owe MCW		\$5,789.00
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## FEBRUARY 24, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County January 22, 2016 through February 23, 2016

Total Provided	769,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		2,003.85
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>2,352.35</u>



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# JANUARY 26, 2016

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Water Provided by Martin County December 28, 2015 through January 22, 2016

Total Provided	1, 697,000 Gallons	
First 112,000 Gallons @ \$348.50 (Min.)	\$	348.50
Over 112,000 @ \$3.05/1,000 Gallons		4,834.25
Total due Martin County Water and Sewer Dist.	\$	<u>5,182.75</u>

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