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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Conflict of interest of sitting municipal government attorney. Active # 2026-00191 & #2026-00233
Date: Monday, October 5, 2026 3:15:00 PM

Case No. 2026-00233

Thank you for your comments on the application of South Eastern Water Association, Inc. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2026-00233 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2026-00233 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: M.R. Hill of Hemp [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2026 8:18 AM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
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From: M.R. Hill of Hemp [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Sep 29, 2026, 12:29 PM
Subject: Conflict of interest of sitting municipal government attorney.
To: mayor@burnsidecitygovernment.com <mayor@burnsidecitygovernment.com>
Cc: <clerk@burnsidecitygovernment.com>

As a Burnside ky agricultural exempt tree farmer and retired business owner, I am letting you know of the possible liabilities of this Burnside City Attorney representing the private clients in matters that involve public infrastructure and/ or City supplied resources..Does her duty to protect Burnside ky tax payers limit her ability to defend the board of Sewater or vice versa? This seems to be a serious conflict of interest...with ZERO public transparency and doesn't Sewater purchase wholesale water from the city of Burnside?

Thank you for your review of this matter.

Michael Hemphill

[REDACTED] Burnside ky

MEMORANDUM OF OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: Mayor Robert H. Lawson, City of Burnside, Kentucky

FROM: Resident and Property Owner, Burnside Mailing Zip Code

DATE: September 29, 2026

SUBJECT: Municipal Liability Exposure and Severe Legal Conflict of Interest Involving City Attorney Molly Hardy

1. THE CONCURRENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST (SCR 3.130 - RULE 1.7 & 1.11)

Attorney Molly Hardy is currently engaged in an active, concurrent conflict of interest by serving as the chief municipal legal officer for the City of Burnside while simultaneously acting as private defense counsel for South Eastern Water Association, Inc. Because South Eastern Water Association maintains a massive, multi-million-dollar commercial bulk water purchasing relationship directly with the City of Burnside's water treatment plant, these two entities sit on opposite sides of a structural supplier dynamic. A public city attorney cannot ethically represent a private buyer cooperative while maintaining a fiduciary duty to maximize revenue and protect the general fund for city taxpayers.

2. ACTUAL LEGAL NOTICE IMPUTED TO THE CITY (SCR 3.130 - RULE 3.3)

On May 14, 2024, I stood at the public podium and hand-delivered certified property deeds, surveys, and federal marker data directly to City Attorney Molly Hardy. This act established actual legal knowledge of extensive utility asset tracking errors, a 300-foot mapping variance evading six physical 1935 U.S.E.D. stamped brass federal monuments, and an ongoing trespass on my 63-acre certified agricultural tree farm. Under Kentucky law, actual knowledge possessed by the chief municipal law officer is legally imputed to the City of Burnside itself. By allowing her to continue partnering with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC to enter two legally voided deeds as live evidence onto a state docket, the city administration is permitting its appointed officer to compromise public data streams and violate the Ethical Duty of Candor toward the Tribunal.

3. ACTIVE REVENUE AND STATUTORY TAX VIOLATIONS

The utility's automated \$11,971.00 billing software is actively calculating and collecting un-statutory state and local sales taxes on my accounts in direct violation of KRS 139.480, willfully disregarding three separate signed farm exemptions dating back to 2016. Furthermore, field operators recently installed an unauthorized, pipeless "stealth meter" on my property without consent, and are actively falsifying active account logs to hide the trespass from regulators.

4. IMMEDIATE DEMAND FOR EXECUTIVE ACTION

The complete, authenticated proof of these ongoing statutory violations and executive payroll discrepancies is permanently stamped onto the open state servers across four interlocking dockets: **PSC Case Nos. 2006-00371, 2025-00375, 2026-00191, and 2026-00233**. As Chief Executive Officer of Burnside under KRS 83A.130, you hold the exclusive power to oversee municipal contracts. I am demanding that this administration immediately order City Attorney Molly Hardy to completely recuse herself and withdraw from representing this private water association to mitigate the city's immediate civil and administrative liability.

Service List for Case 2026-00233

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