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November 13, 2006

Mr. James Owen  
Christian County Water District  
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Re: Voluntary Purchase of Radio Transmitter

Dear Mr. Owen:

Commission Staff acknowledges receipt of your letter of October 26, 2006 requesting guidance regarding Christian County Water District's efforts to promote the use of radio read water meters.

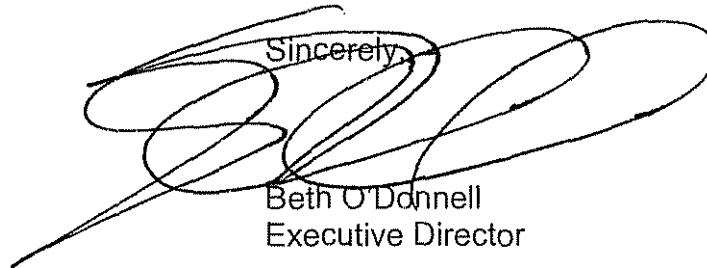
In your letter, you state the following: Christian County Water District customers currently read their own water meters. The water district is beginning the installation of radio read water meters. All new water meters installed will be radio read. The cost of the transmitter is included in the water district's connection charge. The water district expects to obtain funding within two years to add radio transmitters to existing meter services. In the interim, it would like to offer existing customers the opportunity to switch to radio read meters. Under its proposal, Christian County Water District would install a radio transmitter on any existing meter service for a one-time charge of \$93. This charge covers the cost of meter and would be voluntary.

Commission Staff does not currently have any legal or policy objection to the proposal. It strongly recommends, however, that all persons who would request the installation of the radio transmitter and are assessed the \$93 charge be advised in writing that the water district has future plans for the system wide installation of radio transmitters to existing meter services and that such installation will be at no charge to the customer. It further recommends that the water district obtain and retain some written acknowledgement of this advisement from the customer. The water district should also revise its filed rate schedules to reflect the addition of this charge and its voluntary nature.

This letter represents Commission Staff's interpretation of the law as applied to the facts presented. This opinion is advisory in nature and not binding on the Commission should the issues herein be formally presented for Commission resolution. Questions

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concerning this opinion should be directed to Gerald Wuetcher, Deputy General Counsel,  
at (502) 564-3940, Extension 259.

Sincerely,  
  
Beth O'Donnell  
Executive Director

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RE: Advise

Christian County Water District customers currently read their own water meters. We are in the process of hopefully switching over to radio read meters an in turn saving our customer from having to endure this inconvenience. Recently the PSC approved a non-recurring charge for new meter settings. This new price the customer now pays, includes the cost of the new radio read units in those meter boxes. In the future, we plan to use a portion of a Rural Development line extension project loan and grant to start the system wide installation of these meters for our existing customers. In the interim, our Board wishes to make this service available to any customer who wishes to make a voluntary contribution and pay for a radio read meter transmitter up front. Once this voluntary contribution has been received we would install the new unit. The Board's desire is that, in a year or two, when the Rural development money becomes available, we would then install these types of radio read meters for any remaining customers.

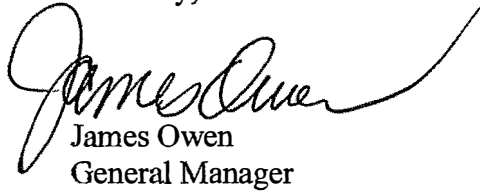
The Board realizes that it must be explained to our customers that this is non refundable voluntary contribution. It must also be explained that if they do not wish to make this contribution and do not mind waiting for possibly two to four years, they could get this service any way.

The Board thinking is that since this technology is available, if a customer is willing to pay for it they should have it now. It will cost each customer who wishes to voluntarily purchase a radio read transmitter ninety-three dollars (\$93), for the transmitter. The Water District will replace the bottom part of the actual meter as part of our meter change out policy. The customer will not be paying for the meter and will only be contributing toward the transmitter.

"Hard of Hearing, Speech Impaired, or Deaf users, call the Kentucky Relay Service at (800) 648-6056. Ask the Communications Assistant to call us at 270/886-3696."

I was asked by the Board to contact you to see if you thought that, if filed, this proposal would be acceptable to the PSC. If you wish to call and give me your opinion rather than a written response, that would be fine. It will save both of us some time. Our office number is 270-886-3696 my cell phone number is 270-881-8392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Owen", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

James Owen  
General Manager