

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MUHLENBERG COUNTY COOPERATIVE)
EXTENSION DISTRICT)
)
COMPLAINANT)
)
v.) CASE NO. 98-064
)
MUHLENBERG COUNTY WATER DISTRICT)
)
DEFENDANT)

ORDER TO SATISFY OR ANSWER

Muhlenberg County Water District ("Muhlenberg Water") is hereby notified that it has been named as defendant in a formal complaint filed on January 15, 1998, a copy of which is attached hereto.

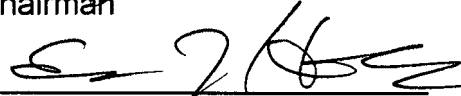
Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 12, Muhlenberg Water is HEREBY ORDERED to satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the complaint within 10 days from the date of service of this Order.

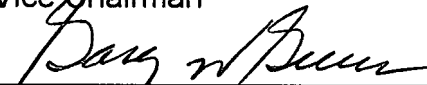
Should documents of any kind be filed with the Commission in the course of this proceeding, the documents shall also be served on all parties of record.


Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of February, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST

Executive Director

98-00214

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In the Matter of:

<u>Muhlenberg County Cooperative Ext. District</u>)
(Your Full Name))
COMPLAINANT)
VS.)
<u>Muhlenberg County Water District</u>)
(Name of Utility))
DEFENDANT)

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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

case: 98-064

COMPLAINT

The complaint of Muhlenberg County Coop. Ext. District respectfully shows:
(Your Full Name)

(a) Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service
(Your Full Name)

PO Box 199, Greenville, KY, 42345
(Your Address)

(b) Muhlenberg County Water District
(Name of Utility)

PO Box 348, Greenville, KY, 42345
(Address of Utility)

(c) That: Muhlenberg County Water District Board refuses to enter into a
(Describe here, attaching additional sheets if

special contract with the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension District
necessary, the specific act, fully and clearly, or facts

(a local taxing district) to allow for a rate reduction for a three inch
that are the reason and basis for the complaint.)

water meter.

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Formal Complaint

Muhlenberg Cty. Coop. Ext. Disvs vs Muhlenberg County Water District
(Your Name) (Utility Name)

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This refusal was in part based on the statement that only three three-inch
water meters would be in operation in the county including the one for
the new Extension Building and the other two being the two high schools
and that it would not be fair to the schools if we received a rate reduc-
tion and they did not.

wherefore, complainant asks that the Muhlenberg County Water
(Specifically state the

District reduces the monthly rate and charges a rate based on monthly
relief desired.)
water usage and a reasonable fee for the district's required annual
inspection of the three-inch meter.

Dated at Greenville, Kentucky, this 12th day
(Your City)

of January, 19 98.
(Month)

Darrell Simpson Extension Agent for Aquatics
(Your Signature)

NA
(Name and address of attorney, if any)

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Lexington, Kentucky 40546



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

RESIDENT INSTRUCTION
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

REPLY TO:

Muhlenberg County
Extension Office
PO Box 199
Greenville, KY 42345
January 12, 1998

To Whom It May Concern,

The enclosed letters describe the situation and request in full. Also enclosed are the 1997 water bills for the two schools which clearly show that their usage is greater than the new Extension Building, thus the rate reduction justification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Darrell Simpson' in a cursive style.

Darrell Simpson
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture

Enclosure

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

REPLY TO:

Muhlenberg County
Extension Office
PO Box 199
Greenville, KY 42345
January 7, 1998

FAX
338-3129

Muhlenberg County Board of Education
ATTN: Mr. Jeff Travis
PO Box 167
Greenville, KY 42345

Dear Mr. Travis,

On behalf of the Muhlenberg County Extension Building Committee, I am requesting information regarding the monthly water bills for North and South High Schools. I would also like to know the enrollment as well as faculty numbers for each of the schools.

Please send a monthly listing of the water bills for each of the schools for 1997. I need this information as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your quick response to this open records request.

	<u>NH</u>	<u>SH</u>
<u>Faculty</u>		
cert.	53	49
class.	<u>38</u>	<u>37</u>
	91	86
<u>Enrollment</u>	857	760

Sincerely,

Darrell Simpson

Darrell Simpson
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture

WATER AND SEWER REPORT
SOUTH HIGH
Muhlenberg Co. Schools
07/01/97 thru 12/31/97

01/07/98

DATE	METER OR ACCOUNT#	WATER/GALLONS	WATER COST	SEWER COST	TOTAL COST
07/29/97		3,197	944.09	253.00	1,197.09
08/20/97		3,486	1,023.57	233.95	1,257.52
09/23/97		2,579	774.14	507.00	1,281.14
10/21/97		1,532	486.22	448.18	934.40
11/21/97		1,910	601.63	355.50	957.13
12/16/97		1,280	424.60	353.55	778.15
		13,984	4,254.25	2,151.18	6,405.43

WATER AND SEWER REPORT
NORTH HIGH
Muhlenberg Co. Schools
07/01/97 thru 12/31/97

01/07/98

DATE	METER OR ACCOUNT#	WATER/GALLONS	WATER COST	SEWER COST	TOTAL COST
07/03/97		945	324.79	253.00	577.79
08/06/97		8,850	2,498.67	233.95	2,732.62
09/09/97		5,583	1,600.24	507.00	2,107.24
10/03/97		3,612	1,058.22	448.18	1,506.40
11/06/97		2,443	751.40	355.50	1,106.90
12/04/97		1,131	382.73	353.55	736.28
		22,564	6,616.05	2,151.18	8,767.23

WATER AND SEWER REPORT
NORTH HIGH
 Muhlenberg Co. Schools
 01/01/97 thru 06/30/97

01/07/98

DATE	METER OR ACCOUNT#	WATER/ GALLONS	WATER COST	SEWER COST	TOTAL COST
01/06/97		518	207.37	266.22	473.59
02/11/97		1,240	405.92	236.58	642.50
03/07/97		981	334.69	279.31	614.00
04/03/97		1,081	362.19	281.11	643.30
05/09/97		1,948	600.62	250.30	850.92
06/06/97		186	454.04	269.93	723.97
		5,954	2,364.83	1,583.45	3,948.28

WATER AND SEWER REPORT
SOUTH HIGH
Muhlenberg Co. Schools
01/01/97 thru 06/30/97

01/07/98

DATE	METER OR ACCOUNT#	WATER/ GALLONS	WATER COST	SEWER COST	TOTAL COST
01/23/97		1,674	525.27	266.22	791.49
02/24/97			-15.12	236.58	221.46
03/24/97		1,510	465.05	279.31	744.36
04/28/97		2,075	635.55	281.11	916.66
05/27/97		1,557	493.09	250.30	743.39
06/24/97		148	249.17	269.93	519.10
		6,964	2,353.01	1,583.45	3,936.46

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REPLY TO:

Muhlenberg County
Extension Office
PO Box 199
Greenville, KY 42345

Muhlenberg County Water District
PO Box 348
Greenville, KY 42345

Dear Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Muhlenberg County Extension Service District Board I am sending this letter to once again request an adjustment in the proposed monthly billing for water service for the new Extension building. As stated earlier, the predominant need for a three inch meter was to provide adequate pressure for a fire protection system. It is our contingency that we will never need the amount of water that can be provided by a three inch meter, thus we should not be charged for such usage. It appears to us that we should be billed only for that amount which we use.

We appreciate the suggestion of using the double check valve system but the costs associated with this is not within our budget. After speaking with Jerry Wuetcher of The Public Service Commission, we realize that there are two other routes. The first involves a contract which does allow local water districts to have special agreements with their customers involving rates. The second method involves filing a complaint with The Public Service Commission to present a just cause for a rate adjustment. We hope to achieve our goal of a special contract.

We have purchased all materials and provided all labor necessary to run our line from your main line and we will be purchasing the three inch water meter from you as well. It is our understanding that you are responsible only for installing the meter and maintaining the line to the meter which was pre-existing except for that part which runs under the Powderly-Wilcox Road, thus your district did not have nor will have extraordinary costs associated with this installation. After speaking with Larry Reno, we learned that there would also be an annual inspection for the three inch meter which would be considered a maintenance cost for the water district. We are also aware of your cost associated with purchasing water from Central City and we realize the markup needed for you to remain profitable. With these things in mind, we hope that we can work this out such that it is beneficial to both parties involved.

Sincerely,

Darrell Simpson
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture

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Extension Office
PO Box 199
Greenville, KY 42345

Muhlenberg County Water District
Board of Commissioners
PO Box 348
Greenville, Kentucky 42345

Dear Board Of Commissioners,

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Muhlenberg County Extension District Board and the Extension Building Committee. The District Board is currently in the process of constructing a new office to house the County Extension Agents and to provide adequate space for educational programs for county clientele. This new office was designed such that it required a three inch water meter specifically for a fire protection sprinkler system. Although the building has a 150 person capacity, there are only five people who occupy the building full time.

After learning that a three inch meter had a flat rate of \$116.00 per month, the committee and I felt it necessary to ask the Commission for some type of adjustment. We are basing this request on the facts that the occupants of the building will never use the amount of water covered by the set fee and local tax dollars will be paying the bill.

We are requesting that we be charged the small meter rate and the usage amount rather than the standard three inch meter rate. We appreciate your cooperation and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Darrell Simpson
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture