

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF RIVER BLUFFS, INC. FOR	)	
A RATE ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO THE	)	CASE NO.
ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING PROCEDURE FOR	)	2001-252
SMALL UTILITIES	)	

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

River Bluffs, Inc. ( River Bluffs ), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and 8 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 10 days of the date of this pleading. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request. The Applicants shall include in each response the name of the individual(s) who provided the information needed or responded to the data request.

1. a. River Bluffs proposes to increase operating expenses by \$500 to reflect the purchase of a new computer. Provide documentation (i.e., invoice, vendor letter, bid, etc.) of the computer cost and the date the computer will be purchased.

b. Given that there are multiple business interests being operated from the home of Harold Helm, the President of River Bluffs, state the percentage of time that the new computer will be used solely by River Bluffs and explain how this usage has been determined.

2. a. River Bluffs proposes to increase test-period telephone expense of \$1,487 by \$507 to reflect the cost of a new commercial line. Provide documentation (i.e., invoice, vendor letter, bid, etc.) to support the proposed cost of the new telephone service and the date the telephone service will be installed.

b. Test-period telephone expense represents the costs incurred in using Mr. Helms cellular telephone. What percentage of time does Mr. Helms use the cellular telephone in conducting business for River Bluffs and what percentage of time does he use it for other business or personal interests?

3. In its application, River Bluffs states that it will use less water and chemicals because it has installed a more efficient pump. If the new pump is more efficient, explain the proposed increase of \$465 to test-period chemical expense. Include documentation to support the proposed increase.

4. River Bluffs estimates that its rate case cost will be \$5,000. Provide documentation (i.e., invoice, vendor letter, bid, etc.) to support the proposed rate case cost of \$5,000 and include the amount that has been incurred to date.

5. River Bluffs has proposed to increase test-period accounting expense of \$1,275 by \$1,225 stating: [c]hanged tax year to reduce cost. Provide documentation (i.e., invoice, vendor letter, bid, etc.) to support the proposed increase in accounting

expense due to the change in tax years. Include a reason for the change in tax years and explain the benefit that will be derived by the ratepayer.

6. Explain why an increase in the Blue Cross deductible should result in an increase in insurance expense.

7. River Bluffs proposes to increase test-period operating expenses by \$2,500 to reflect replacing one or more pumps each year.

a. Provide documentation (i.e., invoice, vendor letter, bid, etc.) to support the proposed pump cost of \$2,500.

b. Provide the number of pumps, the pump types, and location of each pump.

c. Provide a detailed explanation for River Bluffs assumption that it will replace one or more of its pumps each year.

8. River Bluffs reported a test-period level of seminar and meetings expense of \$305. Commission Staff's review of the invoices revealed that the reported expenses were actually meals purchased in California and New Jersey. Provide a detailed explanation as to why these costs are reported as an expense of River Bluffs and why they should be recovered from the ratepayers.



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Dated: January 24, 2002

cc: Parties of Record