## Reasons for Rate Increase

Caldwell County Water District (the "District") is requesting a 33.9% across-the-board rate increase for its retail customers. The District needs the rate increase for the following reasons:

- 1. To enable the District to pay its annual principal payments on its existing long term debts from water revenues rather than from depreciation reserves;
- 2. To enable the District to meet the coverage requirements set forth in its existing debt instruments;
- 3. To restore the District to a sound financial condition; and
- 4. To enable the District to enhance its financial capacity so it can continue to operate its system in compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended in 1996, and KRS Chapter 151.