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Date: 1//8/17

Kévin N. Rogers Vice President of Operations Kentucky-American Water Company

#### Witness: Russell W. Barron/Kevin N. Rogers

- 1. Please provide all written communications, including public notices, questionnaires, and surveys, issued to customers of either ERWA or Kentucky-American relating to the potential acquisition of ERWA by any other entity and identify the following:
  - a. The date on which each written communication was issued;
  - b. The method of communication (i.e., direct mail, newspaper publication, internet posting);
  - c. To whom the communication was sent; and
  - d. From whom the communication was issued.

#### **Response:**

Please refer to attached four documents which represent all of the written communications, including public notices, questionnaires, and surveys issued to customers of either ERWA or Kentucky American:

Date	Method	То	From
07/07/2017	Facebook posting	Eastern Rockcastle customers	Eastern Rockcastle
07/13/2017	Newspaper article	Eastern Rockcastle customers	Eastern Rockcastle
07/21/2017	Direct mailing ballot	Eastern Rockcastle customers	Eastern Rockcastle
07/25/2017	Facebook posting	Eastern Rockcastle customers	Eastern Rockcastle



Eastern Rockcastle Water Association

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Please read these instructions carefully.

Each active account is entitled to one ballot.

 Your ballot is included with this letter, along with a self-addressed envelope for its return.

 As stated on the ballot, you may select up to 1 water provider for this election. If more than 1 water provider is selected; your vote will be discarded.

 Please make your selection and return the ballot in the provided envelope to the ERWA office, by mail or in person, on or before 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 21st, 2017.

#### DO NOT INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR BALLOT !!!

THESE ENVELOPES WILL REMAIN SEALED AND BE PLACED IN A SEALED BALLOT BOX UNTIL THE TIME OF THE ELECTION.

If you have any questions please call the ERWA office at 606-453-0019.

2 866 people reached

**Boost Post** 

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association

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ATTENTION Eastern Rockcastle Water Association Customers: All ERWA customers are encouraged to attend the monthly board meeting on July 17th, 2017, 6 p.m. at the ERWA office. Information will be shared regarding the upcoming takeover by Kentucky American Water.

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Boost Post

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JULY 2017

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Eastern Rockcastle Water Association is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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### ACCOUNT NUMBER **CUSTOMER'S NAME**

#### TO CAST YOUR VOTE: CHOOSE A MAXIMUM OF 1 WATER PROVIDER

	EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER
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Sincerely, lossie C. McKinney

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#### **Bookmobile Schedule**

Monday, July 17th: Brodhead and Copper Creek, Tuesday, July 18th: Green Hill, Fairview, Lambert Road, BrindleRidge. Wednesday, July 19th: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Lisa's Little People.

#### Attention: Eastern Rockcastle Water

#### Association Customers

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#### LEPC Meeting

The quarterly LEPC meeting will be Thursday, July 20, 2017 at noon at the EOC.

Free Summer Meals/Kids and Teens Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens are being served Thursday afternoons through August 3rd from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Drive, Brodhead. No income guidelines, registration or enrollment required. All children 18 and under are welcome.

#### MVHS Class Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Annual Class Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 9th at Rockcastle Middle School. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6 p.m. The Class of 1967 will be honored as the 50-year class. Everyone mark your calendar for this date and plan on joining us for this event.

#### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

#### **VFW Post Item**

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings \*Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every

#### packing, freedom loving, KAW\_R\_BDDR41NUM001/111017 Page 7 of 12 Constitution believing family. But we all have our faults.

### ERWA show respect for your members...

Dear Editor,

The ERWA Board recently met to count the votes of its members whether to have the Kentucky American Water Company assume ownership of the water system or to keep it under ERWA.

The results were clear. More than 85% (6 to 1) voted for Kentucky American Water. However, the ERWA chairman would not commit to honoring the results. When asked about it, the would only say he had to consider all proposals and then negotiate.

The ERWA chairman opened the meeting saying the ERWA had received another proposal. He said that he had been approached by the manager and board chairman of the Western Water Association with a proposal to do an "operational contract" with the ERWA, an arrangement that would keep the ERWA in control. Several ERWA members asked why Western Water Association would do this given that the ERWA owed almost \$800,000, could not afford to maintain its water lines, and struggled to pay its monthly debts. In an carlier ERWA monthly meeting it was reported that all surrounding water associations had been contacted and none was interested in taking over the ERWA because of its large indebtedness and problems with its infrastrucure. Why would "Western"

saddle it users with such a burden?

Kentucky American Water representatives said they had sent ERWA a proposal in June. They wanted to know what was needed so progress could be made. They said they were willing to maintain a local office, retain current staff, keep water rates low, and payoff ERWA debts.

It is possible that we will lose our safe treated water if the ERWA squanders the offer from American Water. The approximately 1,200 adults and 2,000 children whose health and quality-oflife depend on this water want the ERWA to respect the overwhelming vote of its members.

Elmer Whitler

#### Thank You...

Dear Editor,

The Livingston Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to the following for donating money for this year's awesome fireworks show for Livingston Homecoming 2017.

Also, thank you to everyone who came out and supported us during the event.

Donors were: Ky. South Central Pool, Kentucky Farm Bureau, NAPA, Eliza York, Doug Bishop, Ford Brothers, Community Trust Bank, Kwik Mart, Coffey & Ford PSC, Citizens Bank, Lovell, Mike David McGuire and Stacy Faulkner.

> Thank you, again Chris Mason, Chief

# 'Ramblings"

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etween 1996 and 2012, is a move that would significantly duce the monthly checks that many retirees receive - in ome instances, by 25%. Teachers already have to work 27 ears to retire but do not get full benefits unless they are so 55. In the case of one of my daughters and a grandughter, they will, under the present system, have to work

believed that any one person is better than any other person. Money doesn't matter, political beliefs, job status

Except this one. I never

or clothing or which church a person attended has ever made a difference to me. We are all God's children and the richest man on earth is no more important to me than a hobo. They will both wind up in the same size hole.

But this one lady stood out

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What she had, she th would give a stranger if th they needed it. What she ve didn't have, she never lusted for but was instead ye gloriously happy with what Ba she did have. gri

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I never saw her display SO jealousy, anger, greed, lust, as gluttony, laziness or pride th except for her pride in her B husband.

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I know. This sounds like 1 am blinded by family love or that I am just boasting. about her. But the truth ic I

# Office opening to help those affected by drugs

**By: Mike French** Though constant attacks on the drug culture from legislators and local police agencies alike are helping slow the growth of the drug problem in Kentucky, they have been unable to reverse the growth of drug abuse. In

fact, according to law enforcement agencies across the state including the Kentucky State Police, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office and the Mount Vernon Police Department, the

(See "Drugs" on A7)

# **Detailed negotiations to** begin between ERWA and other companies

#### By: Mike French

The ballots were counted Monday evening, during a meeting held in Livingston, to determine the possible future of the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association.

The American Water Association, a much larger company, had made an offer to take over operations of the association and, according to officials, had promised to keep rates the

same, retain employees and pay off the debt of nearly \$770,000 all while greatly improving service to the 600-plus customers.

In order for the takeover to occur, a majority of the association members would have to vote "yes" and ballots had been mailed and returned for last night's meeting.

(See "ERWA" on A7)



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Jamboree

Rocket football kicks off 7:30 p.m. Jamboree Bow will take place after the shown above, front row fi row from left: Jordyn Pc left: Rebekah Lake, Sara

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noon this Saturday and the entire community is invited to attend. There will be free food and music.

The fiscal court asks everyone to bring the family and enjoy the afternoon.

# "ERWA"

#### (Continued from front)

Officials say the vote was 231 "yes" votes to 41 "no" votes. However, officials today are saying the wording of the ballot simply gave officials at ERWA approval to begin further negotiations and did not approve the actual takeover by American Water Association ...

Officials say more discussion is required that will include much finer details before such a takeover occurs. In fact, other companies who may wish to make an offer to take over operations of ERWA are not yet completely eliminated until such details are worked out and final negotiations are approved.

Cockcastle County Public Library, KAW\_R\_BDDR1\_NUM001\_2111017/ Page 9 of 12 Rockcastle County Public Library,

Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office,

2528 South Wilderness Rd.; Mt. Vernon, KY.

Additional information about this plan is available from James Renner, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator, at 606-256-1902. Anyone unable to review the plan at the above locations may call and request that a copy be delivered or mailed to them.

Any person wishing to comment on the plan may do so by providing comments no later than close of business on September 22nd, 2017 to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court at 205 East Main St. #14; Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456. Any person wishing to be heard at a public hearing must make a request via telephone, fax, email, or written communication, to the governing body identified above, no later than close of business (COB) on the 30th day.

A public hearing is scheduled on September 25th, 2017 at 10 am to receive public comments on the plan. The hearing will be held at the Rockcastle County Judge Executives Office at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. However, if no request for a public hearing has been received by close of business on September 22nd, 2017, the hearing may not be held.

The governing body will respond to written public comments within 15 days of the close of the public comment period, and will consider the plan for passage at a called fiscal court meeting near the end of September. The plan, if approved, will be submitted to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet for review and approval.

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# **ERWA** holding vote for possible takeover by Ky. **American Water**

"This will be

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involved."

By: Mike French The 600-plus customers of the Eastern Rockcastle

Water Association are about to reportedly see

much better service, thanks to the efforts of ERWA President Russell Barron and Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

"My goal here is to better serve the people and that is what we will be doing," said Barron concerning the "takeover" of ERWA by the Kentucky American Water Association.

"We have a tremendous debt and we have to make that payment every month. But we haven't had rate increases. We just can't keep up with the debt without placing a hardship on our customers - Russell Barron by raising rates. This company has

> agreed to pay off that debt, keep the same employees,

> > (See "Water" on A5)

# August 9 will be first day of school

# **Open Houses** planned

#### By: Mike French

The time has come for students to begin planning to go back to school. The first day of school in Rockcastle County will be Wednesday, August 9 and students will attend all day.

Brodhead Elementary will hold its Back to School

from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a kindergarten parent meeting at 6 p.m. at the school.

At MVES, all kindergarten students and parents should report to the gym at 4:30 and all third grade students and parents should be ive and helped throughout the process

Judge Bishop said the takeover will solve many problems with the current company and he and Congressman Hal Rogers worked very hard to make this takeover happen. "The company still owes \$770.000 in debt service and, serving a little over 600 customers, it's too hard to dissolve that debt."

Bishop said he and the fiscal court have been searching for a solution for a very long time and he is excited about the takeover. "We offered the company to many other companies but no one was interested. We had to do something. Eastern doesn't have the resources they need. It was just last Christmas that many customers went 17 days without water and that is simply unacceptable. Kentucky American Water is a much bigger company and has operations in many other states as well. They have been in business for 125 years and will greatly improve the service and quality of water to the people of Eastern Rockcastle County."

According to Barron, the takeover should be completed before winter but the board must vote to approve the deal before it is official. Ballots have been mailed to all board members and all it takes is a simple majority to approve the sale.

"I feel very confident that once everyone under-

star rates hospital. Fortyfive percent of inorpitals in the state necerved four stars, while another forty-five percent received three stars. Eight percent of hospitals received a two-star rating and there were no facilities rated one star.

Of the 3,436 hospitals included in the rating nationally, only five percent received a five-star rating. About a third of hospitals received a four-star rating. Forty-three percent received a three-star rating, while 16 percent received two stars. and two percent received one star.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center is a not-forprofit community healthcare system that operates an emergency department, a 20-bed acute care hospital, outpatient services, a 127bed long-term care program for residents dependent upon mechanical ventilation and three rural health clinics.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital was established in 1956 and is accredited by the Joint Commission. The organization is an eight-time Kentucky Hospital Association Quality Award Winner, a U.S. News & World Report Best Nursing Home for 2013 and 2014, a winner of the Women's Choice Award for America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience each year 2013-2017, named a Women's Choice Award for one of America's Best Hospitals for Emer-



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Club workers also removed two yard sale signs and picked up two more bags around the MVES ditch line.

Bullock informed the council that yard sale signs are "a mess again." Though it has not been discussed by councilmembers as a subject on the agenda, a penalty

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# "Water"

(Continued from front)

not raise the rates on our customers and use their huge resources for our customers."

Barron said the company has paid on the debt for building the water system for 20 years and is unable to maintain operations unless something is changed. "We had tried to sell to several other water companies but no one was interested until American Water came along. This will be a wonderful thing for our customers and service will be so much better for everyone involved. If we have a line break, or some other problem with service, we just have one man who has to take care of everything and it's impossible for one man to keep up with the issues that arise at such a company. I take my truck and go help when ever I can. But it's just two of us searching for a leak and attempting to repair it with no equipment and we simply can't keep up."

Barron said Eastern Water is a non-profit company but Kentucky American Water is a for profit organization. "I don't know how they are going to make any money but they have offered to do this and it will be a big help to our customers."

Barron said the new company has the equipment and manpower to find a water leak and repair it much faster as well as bring the current system up to date and improve the existing infrastructure to better serve all customers.

Part of the deal with the new company is to retain the current employees. "We have really dedicated people here whose goal is nothing more than serving people."

Barron said the fiscal court has been very supportive and helped throughout the process.

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stands how Kentucky American Water can help our customers and resolve our debt, the board members will vote to approve the deal," said Barren.

The current board will dissolve and operations will be handled by the Kentucky American Water Association.

"I'm a customer too," said Barron. "If we had not made this move, there would have to be a significant rate increase and we just can't do that to our customers."

Bishop agreed that the move was inevitable. "We needed upgrades that Kentucky American Water can do that and they have agreed that rates will not go up and could possibly go down a little. Once this is done, customers will see a greatly improved water service and that's what we all want."

#### "Hospital" (Continued from front)

based on information from surveys taken between July 2015 and June 2016. The survey, known as the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey (HCAHPS), collects feedback from patients after their stay in the hospital.

"We have been using feedback from the **HCAHPS** surveys since 2006," said Tammy Brock. RN, MSN, CPHRM, director of quality and patient safety at Rockcastle Regional. "This information helps us identify areas where we excel so we can further enhance that high level of service. If it reflects an aspect of care that needs development, we implement a change process to improve it "

In Kentucky, Rockcastle Regional is the only fivestar rated hospital. Fortyfive percent of hospitals in gency Care in 2015 and 2016, and a recipient of the 2013 Jackson Healthcare Charitable Services Award. For more information, please visit www.rockcastleregional.org.

# "Garden"

#### (Continued from front)

currently underway in the city hall building. It was agreed that the police department administrative offices will be located in the renovated structure as well as a chamber for council meetings and other business.

David Bales, Chief of the Mount Vernon Fire Department informed the council that the department made 24 runs in June using 4,100 gallons of water.

The runs included two structure fires, three vehicle fires, one vegetation fire. three controlled burns, nine vehicle accidents one rescue and four service calls.

The department also performed mutual aid calls.

Chief of Police Brian Carter informed the council that the department made 458 calls for service in the month of June.

Among the calls were 30 for non-injury accidents and seven for injury accidents. There were 49 total arrests in the city in June with 15 drug charges and 26 traffic violations. The department served 40 warrants and four grand jury indictments.

The All American Club, headed by councilman Wayne Bullock, reported picking up 35 large trash bags filled with trash from around the city.

Eighteen of those bags came from trash around MVES after some recent flooding.

Two bags were from Davis Street, five bags from Spring Hill, one bag from US 25, four bags from Paul Street, two bags from Ranfro Valley one has from

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#### Witness: Counsel

**3.** Please identify all individuals and entities with whom ERWA directors and officers discussed the potential acquisition of the water association, excluding Kentucky-American.

#### **Response:**

Joint Applicants object to this question on the ground that it is irrelevant. Information concerning the individuals and entities with which ERWA discussed the potential acquisition has nothing to do with the statutory standard or the Commission's inquiry in this matter which, as the Commission has held, must remain focused "upon the qualifications of the acquiring party and the potential effects of the transfer actually before us."<sup>1</sup>

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#### Witness: Counsel

**4.** Please state whether ERWA received any other offers to purchase its assets or system. If so, please identify the details of all offers of purchase and explain why those offers were not accepted.

#### **Response:**

Joint Applicants object to this question on the ground that it is irrelevant. Information regarding other offers has nothing to do with the statutory standard or the Commission's inquiry in this matter which, as the Commission has held, must remain focused "upon the qualifications of the acquiring party and the potential effects of the transfer actually before us."<sup>1</sup>

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#### Witness: Russell W. Barron

5. Provide a copy of all ERWA corporate documents authorizing the President of ERWA to enter into the Asset Purchase Agreement.

#### **Response:**

Please refer to the attached By-Laws for Eastern Rockcastle Water Association. Also, the ballot results indicated a majority of the membership endorsed signing the Asset Purchase Agreement.

# EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION PO BOX 540 MT VERNON, KY 40456

# **BY-LAWS**

RESTATED AND AMENDED NOVEMBER 2016

# **RESTATED AND AMENDED BY-LAWS**

# OF

# EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

# **ARTICLE I**

# OFFICE

The registered office of the Association is 9246 Main Street, Livingston, Kentucky 40445. The mailing address is Post Office Box 540, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456. The registered agent for service of process shall be Jessica Maupin, ERWA clerk, and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The principle office of the Association shall be as designated by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **MEMBERS**

<u>SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING.</u> The annual meeting of members shall be held on the first Wednesday of September in each year, beginning with the year 2009, at a time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting and the members shall conduct other business as is necessary. Cumulative voting *shall not* be used in the election of the directors.

<u>SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors, by the president or on petition of twenty percent of the members.

<u>SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEETING</u>. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than thirty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the president, secretary, or the persons calling the meeting. The meeting shall be conducted in Rockcastle County at a reasonable place selected by the person or persons calling the meeting.

<u>SECTION 4. QUORUM</u>. A majority of the members presented, in person, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. Once a quorum is present, the members may continue to transact business until adjournment.

<u>SECTION 5. VOTING METHOD.</u> The plurality method of voting will be used for elections.

1. Public Notice to be made to the customers.

a. An ad is to be placed in the community section of the Mt Vernon Signal reflecting the following information for the three weeks prior to the board meeting scheduled for May:

i. The date, time and location of the meeting where nominations will be accepted.

ii. Candidates wishing to be added to the ballot will have make that request in person at the predetermined meeting.

iii. The date, time and location of the annual election meeting.b. Notification to be sent to the all active customers reflecting the following information at least two weeks prior to the board meeting scheduled for May:

i. The date, time and location of the meeting where nominations will be accepted.

ii. Request must be made in person.

c. Notice to be posted in a conspicuous place in the office reflecting the following information:

i. The date, time and location of the meeting where nominations will be accepted.

ii. Candidates wishing to be added to the ballot will have make that request in person at the predetermined meeting.

iii. The date, time and location of the annual election meeting.

2. Ballots and instructions letters to reflect the following:

a. The customer will cast their vote by marking a selection box to the left of the candidates name.

b. The candidates will be placed on the ballot by utilizing a random lottery drawing.

c. The return envelope for the customer to use when return their ballot would have the word "BALLOT" pre-stamped on the face to alleviate any confusion as to the contents of the envelope.

d. The instruction letter and ballot will be mailed to the customer 60 days before the election.

e. Ballots to be placed in a locked and sealed ballot box until the scheduled start time of the annual meeting.

3. Tabulating the votes will be done by a neutral third party.

a. Votes to be tabulating using a spreadsheet that will assure one ballot per active account.

b. Any ballot with more candidates selected than instructed on the face of the ballot will be disallowed.

- 4. Declaring winners will be done using a plurality voting system.
  - a. The candidate with the most votes will win the available seat.
  - b. It is not necessary for the candidate to have a majority vote.

c. Ties will be decided by a manner best satisfying both candidates. EX. coin flip, Board decision, or the electoral vote allotted to the President of the Association.

SECTION 6. ANTI-NEPOTISM. No one can be on the Board of Directors or employed by ERWA if a family member already holds a position with ERWA. "Family member" is defined as the following: father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, less than fourth generation cousin, or any in-laws of those previously mentioned.

# ARTICLE III

# DIRECTORS

<u>SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS</u>. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

<u>SECTION 2. NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS</u>. The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than seventeen (17) and no less than five (5) members. The Board of Directors shall have the power to change the number of directors. The term of each director shall be three (3) years and each shall serve until his successor is elected. Effective March 18, 2013, the number of directors shall consist of five (5).

Members of the Board of Directors shall:

a. Have a functional ERWA water meter in his or her name;

b. Must be a customer in good standing, and a resident in the area served by ERWA;

c. Have no delinquent debts to the ERWA;

d. Not violate the Article II, Section 6. Anti-nepotism policy of ERWA;

e. Not have a final judgment entered against him or her involving civil fraud, an ethical violation, discrimination and/or acts of harassment while a Director or prior to becoming a Director;

f. Not have entered a plea of guilty to, or no contest to, or been convicted of a felony;

g. Must be a high school graduate or have passed the General Educational Development (GED) test;

h. Not use his or her position on the Board for personal or political gain; i. Not violate confidences or engage in illegal activity under the color of authority as a Director; and

j. Consent to a background check upon election to the Board, or nomination to be on the ballot for election to the Board, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Effective February 22, 2016, election of the directors shall be changed from the 1-1-3 year model to the 2-2-1 year, model to better maintain continuity and stability of the organization. The current directors and their terms are as follows:

Name	Term Expires
Russell Barron	2017
Louie Northern	2019
Carolyn Hinton	2017
Bentley Cromer	2018
Dwight Mink	2019

<u>SECTION 3. REGULAR MEETINGS</u>. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly or at such frequency as the Board deems advisable and at a place chosen by the Board.

<u>SECTION 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or a majority of directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place.

<u>SECTION 5. NOTICE.</u> Notice of any special meeting shall be given to the directors at least two days prior to the proposed meeting by written notice. The notice must state the purpose of the meeting.

<u>SECTION 6. QUORUM.</u> A majority of the Board of Directors fixed in accordance with Section 2 of this Article shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

<u>SECTION 7. VACANCIES.</u> Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of majority of the remaining directors though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next annual meeting and his successor shall serve until the expiration of the term of the member whose vacancy is being filled.

<u>SECTION 8. COMPENSATION.</u> Directors may be paid for their services as directors, or shall be reimbursed for their out of pocket expenses.

# **ARTICLE IV**

# OFFICERS

<u>SECTION 1. NUMBER.</u> The officers of the Association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

<u>SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.</u> The officers of the Association shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the members.

<u>SECTION 3. REMOVAL.</u> Any officer or agent may be removed by the Board of Directors at its discretion.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. PRESIDENT. The president shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and subject to the control of the Board of directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Association. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the secretary or any other proper officer of the Association thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the

office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

<u>SECTION 6. VICE-PRESIDENT</u>. In the absence of the president or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president.

<u>SECTION 7. SECRETARY</u> The secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the Association records and of the seal of the corporation; (d) keep a list of the members and their addresses; (e) sign with the president, or a vicepresident, documents authorized by the Board of Directors; (f) in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or by the Board of Directors;

SECTION 8. TREASURER. The secretary/treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; (b) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositaries as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the By-Laws; (c) sign with the president, or a vice-president, documents authorized by the Board of Directors (d) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or by the Board of Directors.

<u>SECTION 9. SALARIES.</u> The salaries of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the Association.

## ARTICLE V

## CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

<u>SECTION 1. CONTRACTS.</u> The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and

deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

<u>SECTION 2. LOANS.</u> No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Association and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

<u>SECTION 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.</u> All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by two of the three officers (President, Vice President, or Secretary) of the Association.

<u>SECTION 4. DEPOSITS.</u> All funds of the Association not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporations in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as the Board of Directors may select.

## **ARTICLE VI**

# **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

# **ARTICLE VII**

# WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member or director of the Association under the provisions of these By-Laws, or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, or under the provisions of the Kentucky Business Corporation Act, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

# AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be altered or amended by the Board of Directors at its discretion.

Dated this <u>19th</u> day of <u>December</u>, <u>2016</u>.

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

#### Witness: Counsel

6. Please explain whether and how Kentucky-American appraised ERWA as a going concern prior to and at the time it entered into the Asset Purchase Agreement.

#### **Response:**

Joint Applicants object to this question on the ground that it is irrelevant. Information concerning how Kentucky-American appraised ERWA has nothing to do with the statutory standard or the Commission's inquiry in this matter which, as the Commission has held, must remain focused "upon the qualifications of the acquiring party and the potential effects of the transfer actually before us."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Joint Petition of Kentucky-American Water Company, Thames Water Aqua Holdings GmbH, RWE Atkiensgeselschaft, Thames Water Aqua US Holdings, Inc., Apollo Acquisition Company and American Water Works Company, Inc. for Approval of a Change of Control of Kentucky-American Water Company (Case No. 2002-00317) (Ky. PSC Dec. 20, 2002), at 12.

#### Witness: Counsel

7. Please provide a copy of all studies, reports, or related analyses of appraisals or valuations of ERWA as a going concern conducted by (or caused to be conducted by) Kentucky-American.

#### **Response:**

Joint Applicants object to this question on the ground that it is irrelevant. Information concerning how Kentucky-American appraised or valued ERWA has nothing to do with the statutory standard or the Commission's inquiry in this matter which, as the Commission has held, must remain focused "upon the qualifications of the acquiring party and the potential effects of the transfer actually before us."<sup>1</sup>

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#### Witness: Counsel

**8.** Please explain how Kentucky-American appraised ERWA's assets prior to and at the time it entered into the Asset Purchase Agreement.

#### **Response:**

Joint Applicants object to this question on the ground that it is irrelevant. Information concerning how Kentucky-American appraised ERWA has nothing to do with the statutory standard or the Commission's inquiry in this matter which, as the Commission has held, must remain focused "upon the qualifications of the acquiring party and the potential effects of the transfer actually before us."<sup>1</sup>

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#### Witness: Counsel

**9.** Please provide a copy of all studies, reports, or related analyses of appraisals or valuations of ERWA's assets conducted by (or caused to be conducted by) Kentucky-American.

#### **Response:**

Joint Applicants object to this question on the ground that it is irrelevant. Information concerning how Kentucky-American appraised or valued ERWA has nothing to do with the statutory standard or the Commission's inquiry in this matter which, as the Commission has held, must remain focused "upon the qualifications of the acquiring party and the potential effects of the transfer actually before us."<sup>1</sup>

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#### Witness: Linda C. Bridwell

**10.** If the proposed acquisition is completed, please state whether Kentucky-American plans to merge the rates charged to ERWA customers with its remaining customer base. If yes, please describe Kentucky-American plans, including the timeline for implementing merger of rates.

#### **Response:**

Please refer to the response to Item 7 of the Commission Staff's First Request for Information, dated November 6, 2017.

#### Witness: Linda C. Bridwell

11. If the proposed acquisition is completed, please state whether Kentucky-American plans to seek a general rate increase for customers of ERWA within the next 24 months. If yes, please explain when the proposed general rate case would likely be filed and the general reasons why a rate increase would be necessary.

#### **Response:**

KAW does not intend to seek a general rate case for customers of ERWA outside of a general rate case for all of the Company's water customers. However, KAW is unable to state whether or not the Company plans to file a general rate increase request within the next 24 months.

#### Witness: Brent E. O'Neill

12. Please state whether Kentucky-American has identified any specific capital improvement projects that it will undertake if it acquires ERWA. If yes, please provide a detailed description of the capital improvement projects that must be undertaken, the projected costs for each project, the anticipated method of financing each project, when the project will likely be completed, and whether each project will require a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission.

#### **Response:**

At the present time, Kentucky American Water (KAWC) has identified two capital improvement projects that it will undertake shortly after it acquires ERWA. These two projects are as follows:

Capital Improvement Project 1 – Install AMR Meters for Self-Reporting Accounts:

It has been reported that a portion of the customers in Eastern Rockcastle self-report their water usage for billing purposes. KAWC proposes to replace these meters with Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) meters, which will enable KAWC to obtain electronic readings while driving by a location rather than physically approaching each meter. Through the implementation of this meter technology, KAWC can become more efficient with its meter reading process and discontinue the current practice of self-reporting of usage by the customer. KAWC currently plans to replace approximately 180 meters that have been reported to be self-reporting accounts during the first calendar year following the acquisition of ERWA. It is anticipated that the total project cost will be \$30,000. KAWC anticipates that the improvement project will be funded through its Recurring Project Meter Replacement Line that is a part of the Capital Program for the company and that the funding will be the standard use of debt and equity that it uses to fund its Capital Program. Since this project is considered a part of the normal operation and maintenance of the distribution network, KAWC will not be obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission for this project.

Capital Improvement Project 2 - AMR Meter Replacements:

It has been reported that some of ERWA meters are nearing 10 years old. KAWC proposes to replace aging meters with new Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) meters, which enables KAWC to obtain electronic readings while driving by a location rather than physically approaching each meter. KAWC currently plans to replace approximately 180 meters for performance issues as well a group of meters that is reaching its useful life during the second calendar year following acquisition of ERWA. It is anticipated that the total project cost will be \$30,000. KAWC anticipates that the improvement project will be funded through its Recurring Project Meter Replacement Line that is a part of the Capital Program for the company and that the funding will be the standard use of debt and equity that it uses to fund its Capital Program. Since this project is considered a part of the normal operation and maintenance of the distribution network, KAWC will not be obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission for this project.

At this time, no other capital improvement project has been identified for the ERWA system. KAWC will continue to analyze the operation and performance of the system and determine if future capital improvement projects are necessary to ensure safe, dependable and reliable operations of the system and allows the network to meet the regulatory requirements for the distribution of drinking water.

#### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers/Russell W. Barron

**13.** Paragraph 5 of the Verified Joint Application states that Kentucky-American and ERWA seek to consummate the purchase of ERWA's assets no later than December 22, 2017. If the proposed transaction is not approved by the Public Service Commission prior to December 22, 2017, please state whether either party will seek rescission of the Agreement.

#### **Response:**

Neither Kentucky American nor Eastern Rockcastle will seek rescission of the Agreement if approval is not received prior to December 22, 2017.

### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

**14.** Please identify the party who was primarily responsible for drafting the Asset Purchase Agreement.

### **Response:**

Kentucky American Water.

### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers/Russell W. Barron

- **15.** Refer to Paragraph 2.3 of the Asset Purchase Agreement.
  - a. Please explain how Kentucky-American interprets the phrase "the dollar amount required for Seller to clear its books."
  - b. Please explain how ERWA interprets the phrase "the dollar amount required for Seller to clear its books."
  - c. Identify all liabilities currently on ERWA's books, including itemized descriptions of long- and short-term debt and accounts payable. Include within your response the date on which these liabilities are due.
  - d. Please explain what will occur if, at the time of closing, the dollar amount required for the Seller to clear its books exceeds \$770,000. If closing will still occur with the maximum amount of \$770,000 to be paid by Kentucky-American, explain who will pay additional liabilities on ERWA's books.
  - e. Explain how ERWA will pay for materials or services provided to ERWA prior to the date of closing but invoiced after the date of closing.
  - f. Describe the source of Kentucky-American's funds for the stated purchase price.

### **Response:**

- a. Kentucky-American interprets the phrase "the dollar amount required for Seller to clear its books" to mean the dollar amount necessary, after all receivables have been collected, to pay off all debts and obligations owed by Eastern Rockcastle in order for it to cease operations and no longer be a going concern.
- b. The amount necessary, after ERWA collects all accounts receivable, to pay all debts, return customers deposits, and close the books with no money left over.
- c. Please refer to the response to Item 15 of the Commission Staff's First Request for Information filed on November 6, 2017 for an itemized listing of debt. As of September 30, 2017, accounts payable items other than debt totaled \$81,571.18 and have various due dates.
- d. The purchase price was calculated based on estimation to close the books. At closing time if the amount exceeds over \$770,000 to close the books, ERWA will then ask KAW for more money, negotiate to settle the accounts with the vendors, or use civil remedies available.

- e. Eastern Rockcastle will work with vendors to have invoices produced prior to the date of closing.
- f. KAW will utilize a combination of short-term debt and equity, as it utilizes for construction expenditures. Then at the appropriate time, the short-term debt is converted to long-term debt.

### Witness: Russell W. Barron

16. If an acquiring entity paid ERWA more than the dollar amount required for Seller to clear its books, please explain how the leftover funds would be distributed (i.e., refund to customers of the water association). If ERWA would have multiple options to distribute leftover funds, please identify the options that would have been available to ERWA.

### **Response:**

The purchase price was calculated on an estimation to close the books. ERWA did not anticipate any significant funds being left over when books are closed. If any significant amount does remain, the board would seek to make refund to membership. If the amount is such that the board determines it would be impractical to be refunded the board would then determine action at that time to dispose of such money.

### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

**17.** If the proposed acquisition is completed, explain how Kentucky-American will record this transaction on its accounting books for ratemaking purposes.

### **Response:**

Please refer to the response to Item 13 of the Commission Staff's First Request for Information filed November 6, 2017.

### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

**18.** Refer to Paragraph 5.1(d)(ii) of the Asset Purchase Agreement. Please identify "all other regulatory approvals" that must be obtained prior to closing.

### **Response:**

Approval is needed from the Division of Water for the transfer of the Public Water System Identification from Eastern Rockcastle to Kentucky American.

### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

**19.** Refer to Paragraph 5.1(f) of the Asset Purchase Agreement. Please state whether Kentucky-American has performed an environmental assessment. If yes, please provide all reports, analyses, studies, and related documents related to that assessment. In no, please state whether Kentucky-American intends on performing an environmental assessment.

### **Response:**

Kentucky American has not performed an environmental assessment. We plan to conduct a Phase One environmental assessment on any land included with the acquisition.

### Witness: Russell W. Barron

**20.** Refer to Paragraph 5.1(i) of the Asset Purchase Agreement. Please provide a copy of the Complaint, any Answer, Agreed Order of Dismissal, and any settlement agreement from Rockcastle Circuit Court Case No. 16-CI-265.

### **Response:**

Please see attachment. No formal settlement agreement was reached.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ROCKCASTLE CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-CI-00265



EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

PLAINTIFF

VS:

CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY; MAYOR MIKE BRYANT, individually and in his official capacity; CLIFFORD MULLINS, in his official capacity and not individually; WAYNE BULLOCK, in his official capacity and not individually; JAMIE ANDERKIN BRYANT, in her official capacity and not individually; SHARON SAYLOR, in her official capacity and not individually; SHELLY RAINES LEWIS, in her official capacity and not individually; JACKIE WEAVER, in his official capacity and not individually

### DEFENDANTS

### AGREED ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The parties herein being in agreement to dismiss this lawsuit, and the Court being sufficiently

advised;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this matter be dismissed, with prejudice,

with each party to bear their own costs, and be stricken from the docket.

This the **13** day of **DCT**, 2017.

JUDGE - DÍVISION II ROCKCASTLE CIRCUIT COURT

### HAVE SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Attorney for Plaintiff

Bridget L. Dunaway

Attorney for Defendants

DISTRIBUTION:

Jerry J. Cox Jerry J. Cox, PSC PO Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456-1350 Attorney for Plaintiff

Bobby L. Amburgey City Attorney PO Box 3118 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456-3118 Attorney for Defendant

Bridget L. Dunaway Tooms, Dunaway & Webster PO Box 905 London, KY 40743-0905 Attorney for Defendant

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PLAINTIFF

v. NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY, ET AL.

DEFENDANT

Notice is given that plaintiff dismisses this action.

This the 29th day of September, 2017.

JERRY J. COX, PSC Attorney at Law P. O. Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 Telephone: (606) 256-5111

Bv: Attorn

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

I certify the foregoing Notice of Dismissal was served by mailing true copies to Honorable Bobby L. Amburgey, P. O. Box 3118, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 and Honorable Bridget L. Dunaway, Tooms, Dunaway & Webster, P. O. Box 905, London, Kentucky 40743, this the 29th day of September, 2017.

Jerry J. Cox, P.S.C. Post Office Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 606-256-5111 Fax: 606-256-2036

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DEFENDANTS

### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO EFFECTUATE AND RECEIVE SERVICE VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

Defendant, City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky, by counsel, pursuant to Rule 5.02(2) of the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure, provides notice of election to effectuate and receive service via electronic means to and from all other attorneys or parties in the action. The electronic notification address at which counsel for Defendant City of Mount Vernon agrees to accept service is bdunaway@toomsdunaway.com. The method of electronic service elected under this rule is electronic mail, i.e., email.

Pursuant to Rule 5.02(2) of the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure, documents sent through

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electronic mail shall be sent as an attachment in PDF or similar format unless otherwise agreed; all other attorneys or parties shall promptly provide the undersigned counsel for Defendant City of Mount Vernon with an electronic notification address at which the other attorneys or parties may be served, and shall thereafter serve counsel for Defendant City of Mount Vernon through electronic means whenever service of a document is required by the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure; unrepresented parties who are unable to utilize electronic service methods may continue to serve all other attorneys or parties through any method permitted by the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure; and electronic service of documents that are filed manually with the Clerk shall be made on or before the day they are filed. Email or other electronic service of documents that are filed electronically with the clerk is not necessary.

> BOBBY L. AMBURGEY CITY ATTORNEY CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KY P.O. Box 3118 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456-3118 Telephone: (606) 256-0404

-and-

BRIDGET L. DUNAWAY Tooms, Dunaway & Webster 1306 West Fifth Street, Suite 200 P.O. Box 905 London, KY 40743-0905 Telephone: (606) 864-4145 Facsimile: (606) 878-5547 Email: bdunaway@toomsdunaway.com

/s/ Bridget L. Dunaway Attorneys for Defendant

### Eliza York, Rock de Circuit Clerk

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been served by mailing and emailing a true copy hereof to the following on this the 28th day of December, 2016:

Jerry J. Cox Jerry J. Cox, PSC PO Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Attorney for Plaintiff Email: jcox@kih.net

#### Original via efiling to:

Elza Jane York, Clerk Rockcastle Circuit Court Courthouse 205 E. Main Street Room 102 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456-2237

# /s/ Bridget L. Dunaway

Attorneys for Defendant

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PLAINTIFF

#### DEFENDANTS

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO PLAINTIFF

Notice is hereby given that the Defendant, City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky, by counsel,

served Interrogatories and Requests for Productions of Documents upon Plaintiff, Eastern Rockcastle

Water Association, Inc., on the 28th day of December, 2016.

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/s/ Bridget L. Dunaway Attorneys for Defendant

#### CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been served by mailing and emailing a true copy hereof to the following on this the 28th day of December, 2016:

Jerry J. Cox Jerry J. Cox, PSC PO Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Attorney for Plaintiff Email: jcox@kih.net

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/s/ Bridget L. Dunaway

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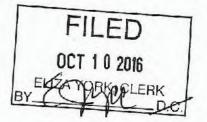
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### EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

PLAINTIFF

VS:

CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY; MAYOR MIKE BRYANT, individually and in his official capacity; CLIFFORD MULLINS, in his official capacity and not individually; WAYNE BULLOCK, in his official capacity and not individually; JAMIE ANDERKIN BRYANT, in her official capacity and not individually; SHARON SAYLOR, in her official capacity and not individually; SHELLY RAINES LEWIS, in her official capacity and not individually; JACKIE WEAVER, in his official capacity and not individually



DEFENDANTS

### ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Come the Defendants, by and through counsel, and for their Answer to the Complaint

filed herein, state as follows:

#### FIRST DEFENSE

(1) The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

(2) The Complaint should be dismissed for failure to join an indispensable party

pursuant to Civil Rule 19.

- (3) The Complaint fails due to improper service of process and insufficiency of process.
- (4) Defendants affirmative plead the affirmative defenses of CR 8.03, including but not

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limited to accord and satisfaction, contributory negligence, estoppel, failure of consideration, laches, license, payment, statute of limitations, and waiver.

(5) The Defendants reserve the right to amend this responsive pleading to plead and allege such other additional defenses and affirmative defenses as may be appropriate and warranted upon completion of discovery.

(6) Defendants affirmatively state that Plaintiff is indebted to Defendant City of Mt. Vernon the sum of at least \$15, 090.00, plus interest, and other sums that may otherwise be collectible.

#### SECOND DEFENSE

(7) Defendants reserve the right to file a Counter-Claim for all sums owed to it by Plaintiff.

#### THIRD DEFENSE

(8) Defendants are without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint.

(9) Defendants admit paragraph 2 and 4 of the Complaint.

(10) Defendants admit that portion of paragraph 3 which states that the named Defendants are councilmen and councilwomen, but defendants are otherwise without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein.

(11) Defendants admit that portion of paragraph 5 which states that a dispute has arisen between Plaintiff and Defendant City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, but deny any liability therefor.

(12) Defendants deny cach and every allegation of the Complaint except as specifically admitted above.

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#### FOURTH DEFENSE

(13) At the time and on the occasion complained of by the Plaintiff, Plaintiff was guilty of negligence, which negligence was a substantial factor in causing and bringing about the damages alleged, if any there were, to such an extent that but for said negligence on the part of plaintiff contributing directly thereto, the incident complained of and damages, if any there were, would not and could not have occurred.

(14) The incident and damages complained of, if any there were, were the result of the negligence of some third person or persons, or an act of God, but in any event, were not due to the negligence on the part of these Defendants.

(15) The incident and damages of which Plaintiff complains, if any there were, were caused and brought about by a prior or subsequent superseding and/or intervening cause over which Defendants had no control.

#### FIFTH DEFENSE

(16) The claim for punitive damages against the Defendants should be dismissed as being in violation of the United States Constitution, including but not limited to the Fifth and Eighth Amendments, as applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

#### SIXTH DEFENSE

(17) The claim for punitive damages against the Defendants should be dismissed as being in violation of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including but not limited to, Articles 2, 17, and 26.

#### SEVENTH DEFENSE

(18) The claim for punitive damages against the Defendants should be dismissed because

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any award of punitive damages under Kentucky law without bifurcating the trial and trying all punitive damages issues separately, if and only if, liability on the merits has been found, would violate Kentucky's due process rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the due process provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

#### EIGHTH DEFENSE

(19) The claim for punitive damages against the Defendants should be dismissed because an award of punitive damages under Kentucky law, which is not subject to a predetermined limit on the amount of punitive damages that a jury may impose, would violate Kentucky's due process rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and violate the excessive fines provision of Section 17 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

### NINTH DEFENSE

(20) The claim for punitive damages against the Defendants should be dismissed because a jury, under Kentucky law:

- (a) is not provided standards of sufficient clarity for determining the appropriateness, and the appropriate size, of a punitive damages award;
- (b) is not adequately instructed on the limits of punitive damages imposed by the applicable principles of deterrence and punishment;
- (c) is not expressly prohibited from awarding punitive damages, or determining the amount of an award of punitive damages, in whole or in part, on the basis of invidious discriminatory characteristics, including the residence and wealth of the Defendants;
- (d) is permitted to award punitive damages under a standard for determining liability

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for punitive damages that is vague and arbitrary and does not define with sufficient clarity the conduct or mental state that makes punitive damages permissible;

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(c) is not subject to trial court and appellate judicial review for reasonableness and furtherance of legitimate purposes on the basis of an objective standard.

For the foregoing reasons, such an award would violate the due process and equal protection rights guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

#### TENTH DEFENSE

(21) Defendants affirmatively plead the defenses available under KRS 65.200, Claims Against Local Governments Act (CALGA), and all law related thereto, as a complete defense for the allegations contained herein.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully demands as follows:

 That the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice and the Plaintiff recover nothing thereby.

2. For trial by jury.

3. For a setoff of all monies owed to Defendant City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky by the Plaintiff arising prior to the filing of this Complaint and thereafter.

4. For an instruction and award against Plaintiff for apportionment, indemnity and/or contribution.

5. For costs herein expended.

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6. For any other relief to which the Defendants may appear to be reasonably entitled,

including but not limited to the right to file a Counter-Claim against the Plaintiff.

BOBBY L. AMBURGEY CITY ATTORNEY CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KY P.O. Box 3118 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456-3118 Telephone: (606) 256-0404

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BRIDGET L. DUNAWAY Tooms, Dunaway & Webster 1306 West Fifth Street, Suite 200 P.O. Box 905 London, KY 40743-0905 Telephone: (606) 864-4145 Facsimile: (606) 878-5547 Email: bdunaway@toomsdunaway.com

/s/ Bridget L. Dunaway Attorneys for Defendant

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Answer has been served by mailing a true copy hereof to the following on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016:

Jerry J. Cox Jerry J. Cox, PSC PO Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Attorney for Plaintiff

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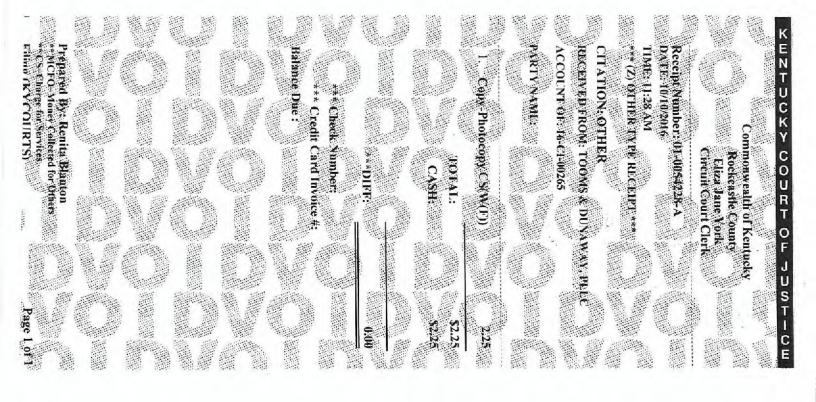
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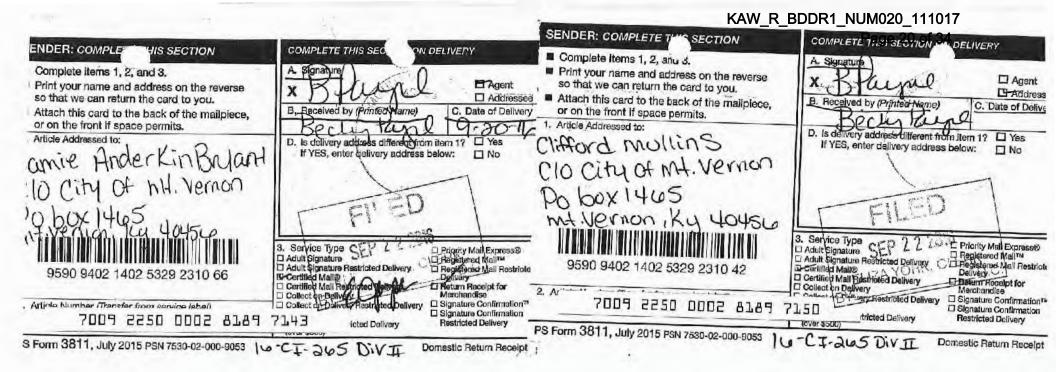
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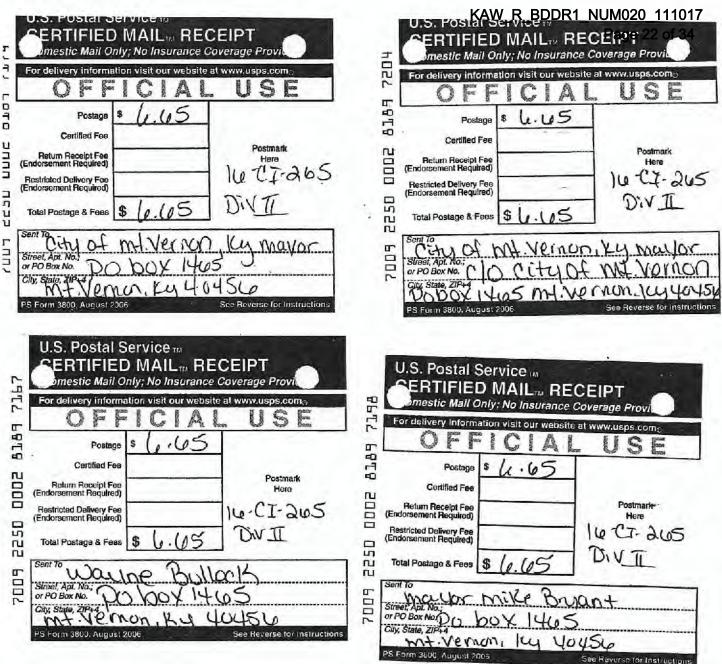
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Service of Process Agent for Defendant:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

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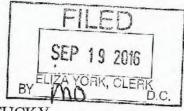
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ROCKCASTLE CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION <u>TE</u> CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-CI-0026

## EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

PLAINTIFF

## v. COMPLAINT

CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY; MAYOR MIKE BRYANT, individually and in his official capacity; CLIFFORD MULLINS, in his official capacity and not individually; WAYNE BULLOCK, in his official capacity and not individually; JAMIE ANDERKIN BRYANT, in her official capacity and not individually; SHARON SAYLOR, in her official capacity and not individually; SHELLEY RAINES LEWIS, in her official capacity and not individually; JACKIE WEAVER, in his official capacity and not individually

#### DEFENDANTS

1. Plaintiff is a duly incorporated, and acting water distribution

system delivering water to 610 customers in Rockcastle and Jackson Counties.

2. Defendants are the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, its Mayor and

the City Council.

Jerry J. Cox, P.S.C. Post Office Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 606-256-5111 Fax: 606-256-2036  Clifford Mullins, Wayne Bullock, Jamie Anderkin Bryant, Sharon Saylor, Shelley Raines Lewis and Jackie Weaver are joined only in their capacity as councilmen and women.

Pursuant to a contract between plaintiff and defendant, City of
 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, defendant furnished water to plaintiff for distribution.

5. A dispute has arisen over whether plaintiff owes defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, for water allegedly sold to plaintiff.

6. Plaintiff contends that between January 20, 2014 and October 15, 2015, it overpaid defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, approximately thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00).

7. Defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, has failed to test the master meters delivering water to plaintiff when asked.

8. Defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, has failed to maintain said master meters and other equipment.

9. On three occasions, the parties made agreements to settle this matter but defendants have refused to fulfill these agreements.

10. The new master meter installed on the Big Cave line was installed incorrectly by defendants and plaintiff's request to properly install it has not been honored.

Jerry J. Cox, P.S.C. Post Office Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 606-256-5111 Fax: 606-256-2036 11. Defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, failed to provide adequate water to plaintiff on July 21, July 22 and July 26, 2016.

Since the installation of the new master meters, the water
 allegedly sold to plaintiff by defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, has fallen by
 47%.

13. Defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, has received numerous citations from the Division of Water, some of which effected the quality of water sold to plaintiff by defendant and the defendant filed to notify plaintiff so that it could notify its customers to boil water.

14. Defendant, City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, has intentionally violated its contract with plaintiff, which entitles plaintiff to punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against defendants in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for overpayments; punitive damages not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00); and all other relief to which it may appear to the court entitled.

> JERRY J. COX, PSC Attorney at Law P. O. Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 Telephone: (606) 256-5111

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### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

**21.** Refer to Paragraph 9.17 of the Asset Purchase Agreement. Please state whether Kentucky-American has evaluated ERWA's current employees for employment with Kentucky-American. If yes, please state whether Kentucky-American plans to retain those two employees if it acquires ERWA.

### **Response:**

Kentucky American has not evaluated Eastern Rockcastle's current employees for employment. As indicated in response to Item number 22 of this same request for information, Kentucky American has determined that two employees are necessary for continued operations of ERWA. Kentucky American has indicated already that the current two employees of ERWA, with their experience and knowledge of the system, would be preferred for employment in those roles. Prior to the closing, KAW would begin the evaluation process as required for all prospective American Water employees.

### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

**22.** Please state whether Kentucky-American plans to hire two new employees if it acquires ERWA.

### **Response:**

Kentucky American has determined two employees are operationally necessary and economically practical for the continued operations of the Eastern Rockcastle system. As customer and operational needs dictate, we will continue to evaluate other support which may be provided through additional employees, Kentucky American Water employees, and contractors.

### Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

**23.** Refer to Paragraph 9.18 of the Asset Purchase Agreement. Please state whether Kentucky-American has identified whether a local payment option is "operationally necessary and economically practical." If yes, please identify whether or not the local payment option is "operationally necessary and economically practical" in Kentucky-American's discretion. Include within your response all available details, including where the local payment option would be located, the hours of operation, whether other customer service options other than payment would be available at that location (i.e., new service), and whether Kentucky-American is committed to keeping this office open throughout its ownership of the system.

### **Response:**

Kentucky American has determined a local payment option is operationally necessary and economically practical. We plan to continue using the same office that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association currently utilizes at 9246 Main Street, Livingston, Kentucky 40445. As customer needs dictate, other services can be provided at this location. We will continue to evaluate how to best serve our customers' needs and add or change offerings to maintain the high level of service we provide our customers.

### Witness: Linda C. Bridwell

**24.** Please state whether ERWA has prepared drafts of any of the following Schedules to the Asset Purchase Agreement: Schedules 2.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7(a), 3.8, and 3.12. If yes, please provide a copy of those schedules. If no, please explain why the information to be provided in these schedules has not been compiled.

### **Response:**

No. These schedules are currently being compiled.

## Witness: Kevin N. Rogers

25. Provide copies of all correspondence, memoranda, and any other documents in which Kentucky-American officers, employees, or its agents discuss the physical condition of ERWA's assets.

### **Response:**

Please see the attached, the response to Item 2 of this same set of data requests, and the confidential documents attached in response to Item 1 of Commission Staff's First Set of Information Requests.

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#### Eastern Rockcastle Water Association System Information

In April 2017, I visited the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association. During the visit, I viewed multiple tanks, booster stations, and pressure reducing valves. The following are a list of the tanks:

- Sand Springs Tank 15,000 gallon tank constructed in 2009 according to KIA
- Three Links Tank 80,000 gallon tank constructed in 2000 according to KIA

During the external visual inspection of both tanks, the tanks both appeared to be in satisfactory condition. It is recommended that both tanks be internally inspected.

I viewed two examples of pump stations during the visit. One was an EFI, above grade booster station. The other was a below grade booster station with Baldor motors and Flo-Pak pumps.

Last, I viewed a Watts model pressure reducing valve. The pressure reducing valve was operational at the time of the visit.

All of these items, while needing common maintenance, appeared to be in acceptable condition.

Based upon the visual inspection, there does not appear to be a need for extensive capital improvements for these items.

Sincerely,

Adam R. Tilley, PE Project Manager Engineer



### Witness: Russell Barron

26. Identify ERWA's legal structure and the statutes under which it is organized.

## **Response:**

Please refer to the attached Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for Eastern Rockcastle Water Association.

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of

ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and under the following Articles of Incorporation.

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#### ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be Rockcastle Water Association, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II.

The purpose of this corporation shall be to establish, operate and maintain a water distribution system and to do all things necessary and incidental thereto.

#### ARTICLE III.

The corporation's initial registered office shall be the Courthouse, Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 and the name of its initial registered agent at that is Carl R. Clontz.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The mailing address of the corporation's principal office is Route 1, Box 230, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

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#### ARTICLE V.

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors shall be seventeen and the names and mailing addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are as follows:

Name

Ruth Bullock Hilda Hampton Walter Baldwin Money Ed Cummins Joe Martin Louie Northern Harold Ballinger

Joe Clark Henry Lee Abney Murphy Martin, Jr.

Willard Whitaker Gilbert Shepherd Edgar Morris Ray Kirby

Olen McGuire John F. Harding Geraldine Mize

ADDRESS Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Rt. 1, Brodhead, KY 40409 Rt. 3, Crab Orchard, XY 40419 Rt. 1, Brodhead, KY 40409 Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 507 Three Links Road, McKee, KY 40447 Rt. 2, Livingston, KY 40445 Rt. 2, Livingston, KY 40445 Rt.\_2, Box 309, Livingston, KY 40445 Rt. 5, Livingston, KY 40445 Rt. 2, Livingston, KY 40445 Rt. 2, Livingston, KY 40445 Rt. 5, Box 406, Livingston, KY 40445 Orlando, KY 40460 Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Rt. 1, Box 362, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

#### ARTICLE VI.

This corporation is organized as a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of KRS Chapter 273.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The name and mailing address of the incorporator is Roland Mullins, Route 1, Box 230, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this <u>29th</u> day of March, 1990.

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF ROCKCASTLE

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, Roland Mullins, who signed and acknowledged the foregoing Articles of Incorporation to be his own free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 24+1 day of March, 1990.

Notary Public, State of Ky. at Large

My commission expires 12.5.90

This instrument prepared by:

CLONTZ & COX Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 1350 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

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### **ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 540 Mt. Vernon, Ky 40456 (606) 256-5480 027 Hoges, 6994 John Y. Brown III Secretary of State Received and Filed 02/19/2003 11:56 AM Fee Receipt: \$8.00 Ghance

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### Articles of Amendment Of Rockcastle Water Association, Inc.

The above corporation existing pursuant to the Kentucky Corporation Laws, desiring to give notice to corporate action effectuating amendment of certain provisions of its Article of Incorporation, sets forth the following amendments:

The name of the corporation is <u>Rockcastle Water Association, Inc.</u> The exact text of Article 1 of the Articles of Incorporation is amended to read as follows: Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, Inc.

The amendment was adopted on February 14, 2003, with the Board of Directors casting A vote of unanimous.

Dell F. Ponder President Rockcastle Water Association

## EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION PO BOX 540 MT VERNON, KY 40456

# **BY-LAWS**

RESTATED AND AMENDED NOVEMBER 2016

## **RESTATED AND AMENDED BY-LAWS**

## OF

## EASTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

## **ARTICLE I**

## OFFICE

The registered office of the Association is 9246 Main Street, Livingston, Kentucky 40445. The mailing address is Post Office Box 540, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456. The registered agent for service of process shall be Jessica Maupin, ERWA clerk, and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The principle office of the Association shall be as designated by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II

## **MEMBERS**

<u>SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING.</u> The annual meeting of members shall be held on the first Wednesday of September in each year, beginning with the year 2009, at a time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting and the members shall conduct other business as is necessary. Cumulative voting *shall not* be used in the election of the directors.

<u>SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors, by the president or on petition of twenty percent of the members.

<u>SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEETING</u>. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than thirty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the president, secretary, or the persons calling the meeting. The meeting shall be conducted in Rockcastle County at a reasonable place selected by the person or persons calling the meeting.

<u>SECTION 4. QUORUM</u>. A majority of the members presented, in person, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. Once a quorum is present, the members may continue to transact business until adjournment.

<u>SECTION 5. VOTING METHOD.</u> The plurality method of voting will be used for elections.

1. Public Notice to be made to the customers.

a. An ad is to be placed in the community section of the Mt Vernon Signal reflecting the following information for the three weeks prior to the board meeting scheduled for May:

i. The date, time and location of the meeting where nominations will be accepted.

ii. Candidates wishing to be added to the ballot will have make that request in person at the predetermined meeting.

iii. The date, time and location of the annual election meeting.b. Notification to be sent to the all active customers reflecting the following information at least two weeks prior to the board meeting scheduled for May:

i. The date, time and location of the meeting where nominations will be accepted.

ii. Request must be made in person.

c. Notice to be posted in a conspicuous place in the office reflecting the following information:

i. The date, time and location of the meeting where nominations will be accepted.

ii. Candidates wishing to be added to the ballot will have make that request in person at the predetermined meeting.

iii. The date, time and location of the annual election meeting.

2. Ballots and instructions letters to reflect the following:

a. The customer will cast their vote by marking a selection box to the left of the candidates name.

b. The candidates will be placed on the ballot by utilizing a random lottery drawing.

c. The return envelope for the customer to use when return their ballot would have the word "BALLOT" pre-stamped on the face to alleviate any confusion as to the contents of the envelope.

d. The instruction letter and ballot will be mailed to the customer 60 days before the election.

e. Ballots to be placed in a locked and sealed ballot box until the scheduled start time of the annual meeting.

3. Tabulating the votes will be done by a neutral third party.

a. Votes to be tabulating using a spreadsheet that will assure one ballot per active account.

b. Any ballot with more candidates selected than instructed on the face of the ballot will be disallowed.

- 4. Declaring winners will be done using a plurality voting system.
  - a. The candidate with the most votes will win the available seat.
  - b. It is not necessary for the candidate to have a majority vote.

c. Ties will be decided by a manner best satisfying both candidates. EX. coin flip, Board decision, or the electoral vote allotted to the President of the Association.

SECTION 6. ANTI-NEPOTISM. No one can be on the Board of Directors or employed by ERWA if a family member already holds a position with ERWA. "Family member" is defined as the following: father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, less than fourth generation cousin, or any in-laws of those previously mentioned.

## ARTICLE III

## DIRECTORS

<u>SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS</u>. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

<u>SECTION 2. NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS</u>. The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than seventeen (17) and no less than five (5) members. The Board of Directors shall have the power to change the number of directors. The term of each director shall be three (3) years and each shall serve until his successor is elected. Effective March 18, 2013, the number of directors shall consist of five (5).

Members of the Board of Directors shall:

a. Have a functional ERWA water meter in his or her name;

b. Must be a customer in good standing, and a resident in the area served by ERWA;

c. Have no delinquent debts to the ERWA;

d. Not violate the Article II, Section 6. Anti-nepotism policy of ERWA;
e. Not have a final judgment entered against him or her involving civil fraud, an ethical violation, discrimination and/or acts of harassment while a Director or prior to becoming a Director;

f. Not have entered a plea of guilty to, or no contest to, or been convicted of a felony;

g. Must be a high school graduate or have passed the General Educational Development (GED) test;

h. Not use his or her position on the Board for personal or political gain; i. Not violate confidences or engage in illegal activity under the color of authority as a Director; and

j. Consent to a background check upon election to the Board, or nomination to be on the ballot for election to the Board, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Effective February 22, 2016, election of the directors shall be changed from the 1-1-3 year model to the 2-2-1 year, model to better maintain continuity and stability of the organization. The current directors and their terms are as follows:

Name T	erm Expires
Russell Barron	2017
Louie Northern	2019
Carolyn Hinton	2017
Bentley Cromer	2018
Dwight Mink	2019

<u>SECTION 3. REGULAR MEETINGS</u>. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly or at such frequency as the Board deems advisable and at a place chosen by the Board.

<u>SECTION 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or a majority of directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place.

<u>SECTION 5. NOTICE.</u> Notice of any special meeting shall be given to the directors at least two days prior to the proposed meeting by written notice. The notice must state the purpose of the meeting.

<u>SECTION 6. QUORUM.</u> A majority of the Board of Directors fixed in accordance with Section 2 of this Article shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

<u>SECTION 7. VACANCIES.</u> Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of majority of the remaining directors though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next annual meeting and his successor shall serve until the expiration of the term of the member whose vacancy is being filled.

<u>SECTION 8. COMPENSATION.</u> Directors may be paid for their services as directors, or shall be reimbursed for their out of pocket expenses.

## **ARTICLE IV**

## **OFFICERS**

<u>SECTION 1. NUMBER.</u> The officers of the Association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

<u>SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.</u> The officers of the Association shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the members.

<u>SECTION 3. REMOVAL.</u> Any officer or agent may be removed by the Board of Directors at its discretion.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. PRESIDENT. The president shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and subject to the control of the Board of directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Association. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the secretary or any other proper officer of the Association thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the

office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

<u>SECTION 6. VICE-PRESIDENT</u>. In the absence of the president or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president.

SECTION 7. SECRETARY The secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the Association records and of the seal of the corporation; (d) keep a list of the members and their addresses; (e) sign with the president, or a vicepresident, documents authorized by the Board of Directors; (f) in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or by the Board of Directors;

SECTION 8. TREASURER. The secretary/treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; (b) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositaries as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the By-Laws; (c) sign with the president, or a vice-president, documents authorized by the Board of Directors (d) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the president or by the Board of Directors.

<u>SECTION 9. SALARIES.</u> The salaries of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the Association.

## ARTICLE V

## CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

<u>SECTION 1. CONTRACTS.</u> The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and

deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

<u>SECTION 2. LOANS.</u> No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Association and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

<u>SECTION 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.</u> All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by two of the three officers (President, Vice President, or Secretary) of the Association.

<u>SECTION 4. DEPOSITS.</u> All funds of the Association not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporations in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as the Board of Directors may select.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

## **ARTICLE VII**

## WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member or director of the Association under the provisions of these By-Laws, or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, or under the provisions of the Kentucky Business Corporation Act, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

## AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be altered or amended by the Board of Directors at its discretion.

Dated this <u>19th</u> day of <u>December</u>, <u>2016</u>.

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

## Witness: Linda C. Bridwell

**27.** Identify Kentucky-American's legal structure and the statutes under which it is organized.

## **Response:**

Kentucky American Water is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky governing corporations.