# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF OLDHAM WOODS SANITATION, INC. FOR SUCCESSIVE DEVIATION FROM REQUIREMENTS OF 807 KAR 5:006 AND 807 KAR 5:011

CASE NO. 2020-00330

# OLDHAM WOODS SANITATION, INC.'S RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **VERIFICATION**

The undersigned, Patience Martin, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the President of Oldham Woods Sanitation, Inc., and that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which she is identified as the witness, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge and belief.

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,	Patience Martin
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY	)
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, this 26 TH day of October, 2020, by Patience Martin, President of Oldham Woods Sanitation, Inc., a Kentucky corporation, on behalf of said corporation. This notarial act involved the use of communication technology.

My commission expires:

ROBERT C. MOORE NOTARY PUBLIC STATE AT LARGE, KENTUCKY COMM. #595798

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 02/22/2022

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**REQUEST NO. 1:** Refer to the October 9, 2020 Order in Case No. 2017-00393, which

set forth the type of evidence that Oldham Woods should file in this case that supports a conclusion

that Oldham Woods' customers will have necessary access to utility representatives, such as

contractual arrangements with third parties that provide customers with the ability to meet with

utility representatives to obtain emergency service, make a billing inquiry, report service issues,

and start or stop utility service.

Explain whether Oldham Woods has a contract with a third party that operates the (a)

sewer system, describe the services provided, and provide a copy of a current contract with the

third party.

(b) Provide evidence that a 24-hour utility representative is available for Oldham

Woods' customers to contact emergency sewer service.

(c) Provide evidence that a utility representative is available for Oldham Woods'

customers to contact for non-emergency sewer service.

(d) Explain whether Oldham Woods has a contract with a third party to provide

billing and customer service, describe the services provided, and provide a copy of the contract.

Provide evidence that a utility representative is available for Oldham Woods' (e)

customers to contact for billing inquiries.

(f) Provide evidence that a utility representative is available for Oldham Woods'

customers to contact to start or stop utility service.

<sup>1</sup>Case No. 2017-00393, Oldham Woods Sanitation, Inc. Request for Deviation from 807 KAR 5:006 and 807 KAR

5:011 (Ky. PSC Oct. 9, 2020).

### **RESPONSE:**

(a)

with Camden Environmental Service Co., Inc. ("Camden") to operate its wastewater treatment plant and sewer system. The term of the contract is from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022.

Oldham Woods Sanitation, Inc. ("Oldham Woods"), has entered into a contract

Pursuant to the contract, Camden is the operator of the Oldham Woods waste water treatment plant

("WWTP"), inspects the WWTP 7 times a week and applies chemicals as needed. A copy of the

contract between Oldham Woods and Camden is provided.

(b) Oldham Woods' website located at <a href="https://www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com">www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com</a> contains the

emergency contact information for Camden. Additionally, Oldham Woods' customer bills issued

by the Oldham County Water District ("OCWD") contain the telephone number for Camden in

the event a customer is having service/repair issues, and also the contact information (including

telephone number) of Oldham Woods. A redacted copy of an Oldham Woods' customer bill and

a screen shot of the home page of Oldham Woods' website is provided.

(c) Oldham Woods' customer bills issued by OCWD contain the contact information

(including telephone number) for the owner of Oldham Woods and the telephone number for

Camden. Additionally, Oldham Woods' website located at www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com

contains the emergency contact information for Camden, which is also the non-emergency

contact information for Camden. (See Exhibits to Response to Request No. 1(b).)

(d) Oldham Woods has a verbal agreement with OCWD whereby it administers the

billing service for Oldham Woods using such rates as are lawfully established in Oldham Woods'

tariff. The bills are issued on OCWD's regular, periodic billing schedule and are included on

OCWD's regular water bill to those OCWD customers receiving sewer service from Oldham

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Woods. All of Oldham Woods' customers are customers of OCWD. OCWD remits payments

received for sewer service provided by Oldham Woods to Oldham Woods on a monthly basis.

OCWD charges Oldham Woods a fee of \$2.60 per month for each customer receiving a bill for

sewer services. This fee is deducted from the monthly remittance to Oldham Woods. In the event

Oldham Woods adjusts the rates that it charges for providing sewer service, OCWD incorporates

the revised rates into its billing software upon thirty (30) days' notice from Oldham Woods and

upon receipt of a notarized copy of an official Oldham Woods' document enacting such rate

adjustment. Oldham Woods is required to notify customers affected by any such rate adjustment

at least thirty (30) days in advance of any billing reflecting such rate.

(e) Oldham Woods' website located at <u>www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com</u> contains

the contact information for OCWD, including a telephone number. Additionally, Oldham

Woods' customer bills contain the contact information (including telephone number) for the

owner of Oldham Woods. (See Exhibits to Response to Request No. 1(b).)

(f) Oldham Woods' customer bills contain the contact information, including

telephone number, for the owner of Oldham Woods. The customer bills state that "Questions

about billing, and starting/stopping/moving service should be directed to" OCWD, and the

contact information for OCWD, including telephone number, is provided. Additionally, Oldham

Woods' website located at www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com contains the contact information

for OCWD. (See Exhibits to Response to Request No. 1(b).)

## Camden Environmental Service Co., Inc. P. O. Box 137 Crestwood, KY 40014

#### CONTRACT FOR SEWAGE TREATNIENT PLANT OPERATION

- 1. Plant Owner or responsible party and address: Oldham Woods Sanitation, Inc.
- Location:
- Oldham Woods Subdivision

WWTP and remote lift station

LaGrange, Kentucky

- 3. Type:
- Aerated Sewage Lagoon System
- 4. The Plant Owner agrees to pay the following fees to the Service Company: \$1.280.00 per month plus \$.45 per mile
- 5. Fees are to be paid by Plant Owner in advance on the first day of each month.
- 6. Period of Contract: April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022
- 7. In the event the Plant Owner does not fulfill any portion of this Contract, a 30 day notice will be given by the Service Company. After the expiration of the 30 day notice period, unless the parties have other wise agreed, this contract becomes null and void, and all fees paid to date become the property of the Service Company.
- 8. Services to be provided by Service Company include the following: Inspections and Frequency: 7 times per week. (Plant and lift station) Application of chemicals as needed.
  - Major repairs by our Service Department will be charged at the rate of \$50.00 per man hour and \$.55 per mile.
- The Plant Owner will provide all utilities, parts, chemicals, and materials required for operating, maintenance, servicing, and maintaining the said System,
- 10. The Plant Owner is responsible for providing the following items:
  - Extra Labor: Required or due to Plant overload, major equipment repairs, general painting of buildings and equipment, piping, etc., flooding, windstorms, etc. •Sludge Hauling: Plant Owner to provide and pay for hauling excess sludge when required.
  - Chemicals: Plant Owner to supply required chemicals.
  - Discharge permit analysis: Plant Owner to provide the services of a private laboratory to perform the required analysis to comply with the KPDES permit.
- 11. Access Road: The Plant Owner is to maintain a reasonable access road to the plant site.

- 12. The Service Company will provide its own liability insurance.
- The Service Company will not be liable for vandalism, or breaking and entering the said location or sewage treatment plant.
- 14. Any unauthorized persons or equipment on said location without the permission of the Service Company will not be the liability of the Service Company.
- 15. If at any time during this Contract, the plant become overloaded due to extra connections, stronger than normal sewage, commercial or industrial waste being added requiring more than normal operation attention, the Service Company reserves the right to negotiate with the Plant (hmer for additional compensation.
- 16. The Plant Owner should provide protection to all exposed piping to prevent freezing and hampering operational procedure during winter months.
- The Service Company is not liable for damage due to ice and freezing unless the Service Company's negligence has caused the damage due to ice and freezing.
- Purchase of parts, chemicals, materials and services in excess of \$500.00 will be approved by the Plant O'"mer prior to purchase and invoiced directly to the Plant O»mer.
- The Service Company is not liable or responsible for objections to sewage system, noises, odors, effluent, frothing or other peculiarities inherent to such a system.
- 20. Should the Service Company have to take legal action or initiate collection to collect amounts due it under this contract or to enforce the contract, the Plant Owner agrees that it shall pay the reasonable attorneys fees and court costs incurred by the Service Company. The Plant Owner shall pay interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum on amounts remaining unpaid thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice.

Camden Environmental Service Co., Inc.

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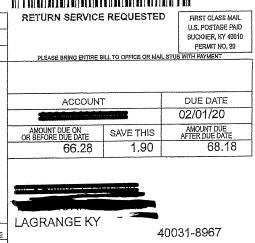
Oldham Woods Sanitation, Inc.

By: Patience Martin Date: 10/17/2020

### OLDHAM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 51 BUCKNER, KY 40010 PH. (502) 222-1690

ACCOUNT	2222	2		12/02/19	TO 12/30/19
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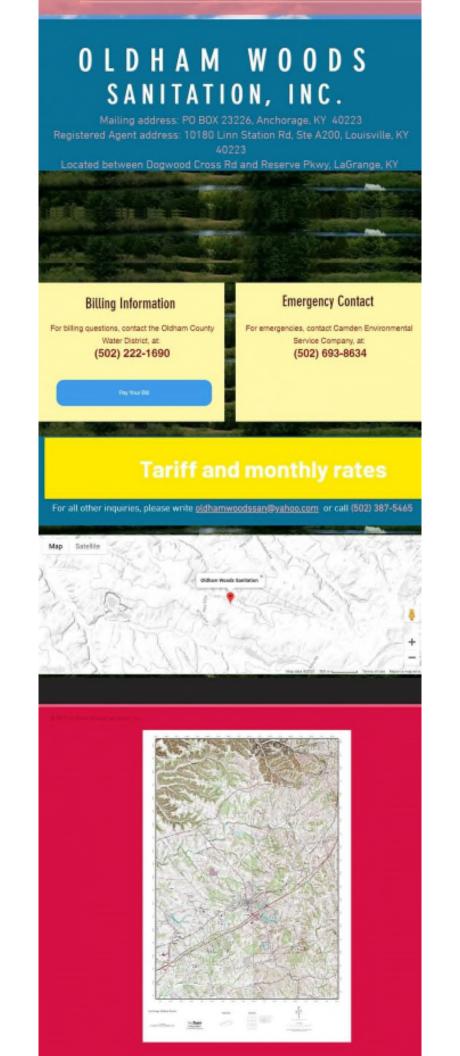


Questions about billing, and starting/stopping/moving service should be directed to
Oldham County Water District
2160 Spencer Court
LaGrange, KY 40031
(502) 222-1690

For service/repair issues, contact Larry Smither with Camden Environmental Service Company, Inc, at (502) 693-8634

For all other questions or concerns,
visit <a href="mailto:www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com">www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com</a>,
or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:oldhamwoodssan@yahoo.com">oldhamwoodssan@yahoo.com</a>,
or write to
Oldham Woods Sanitation
PO Box 23226
Anchorage, KY 40223
or call (502) 387-5465

P. Martin, President, Oldham Woods Sanitation, Inc.



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**REQUEST NO. 2:** State whether Oldham Woods has a website with 24-hour

availability for internet-based access to services.

RESPONSE: Oldham Woods has a website available 24 hours a day located at

www.oldhamwoodssanitation.com. The website contains the contact information for OCWD for

billing questions, allows customers to pay bills on-line by linking to the OCWD website, and also

contains the contact information, including telephone number, for Camden. Oldham Woods'

website also provides access to its tariff, including its rates.

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**REQUEST NO. 3:** Provide evidence of the cost to rent and staff an office.

**RESPONSE:** Based on a sampling of available business rental space in the area, it is

estimated the cost of renting a 900 square foot office in Oldham County for Oldham Woods would

be \$12,600 annually. Office space between 900 to 1,400 square-feet is available in LaGrange,

Oldham County, Kentucky at a cost of \$14.00 per square-foot, for an annual cost of \$12,600 to

\$19,600 per year. Supporting documentation is attached. Documentation supporting the rental of

a 500 square-foot office space for the amount of \$7,725.00 annually was submitted to the

Commission in 2017 in PSC Case No. 2017-00393. Research reflects that there is limited office

space currently available in Oldham County, and office space at a cost of \$7,725.00 annually could

not be located at this time.

The per square-foot rental rate for office space does not include the cost of utilities,

including but not limited to water, sewer, cable for internet service, electricity and/or gas. It also

does not include the cost of office furniture and various other expenses associated with maintaining

work space.

If a qualified person could be found who was agreeable to working only 7 hours per week,

it is estimated that an hourly wage would be \$10-15 per hour, resulting in an annual cost of \$4,160

to \$6,240.

At the low end of rent and staffing, the annual cost to Oldham Woods would be

approximately \$12,600 for rent and \$4,160 for staff (total \$16,760), but potentially could be

significantly higher due to utilities, office equipment and other expenses. To increase annual costs

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by \$16,760 to include rent for office space (excluding utilities) and for staff, Oldham Woods would need to increase monthly rates by approximately \$9.31 per customer.



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**VIEW MAP** 

RENTAL DETAILS

SPACE AVAILABLE

900-1,400 SF

LEASE TYPE

**Modified Gross** 

# OF SPACES

**LEASE LENGTH** 

2-3 Years

**RENT RATE (MO)** 

\$1.17/SF/mo

**AVAILABLE** 

Now

**RENT RATE (YR)** 

\$14.00/SF/yr

**BUILDING DETAILS** 

PROPERTY TYPE

Retail

**YEAR BUILT** 

1999

PROPERTY SUBTYPE

Freestanding

PARKING SPACES

70

**TOTAL BUILDING SIZE** 

20,386 SF

LAND DETAILS

LAND ACRES

1.76001 AC

ZONING

C-3

LAND SF

76,666 SF

showcase

800-613-1303

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**REQUEST NO. 4:** Confirm that the owner and president of Oldham Woods will meet

with customers by appointment at the plant site or other public location.

**RESPONSE:** The owner and president of Oldham Woods agrees to meet with customers

by appointment at the site of the WWTP or other agreed upon public location.