

**Scott County, Kentucky
KY PSC Case No. 2022-00432
Response to Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC**

Exhibit 4a

PROPOSAL

CLIENT

Scott County, Kentucky

CONTRACTOR

Clear Water Consulting LLC

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The client is seeking services for the following: Preparation of requests for information, preparation and filing of pre-filed testimony, assistance with preparation of data request responses (if applicable), and performance of expert testimony at any hearing related to Case No. 2022-00432 before the Kentucky Public Service Commission. This Proposal outlines the Contractor's qualifications, services, and estimated costs to complete the scope of work.

TERMS

The pricing in this proposal is valid for 30 days.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Clear Water Consulting LLC
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Ariel Miller

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting 2004-2008
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY
Honors Program/Honors Scholar
Certificate in Japanese Language
Graduated with 152 Credit Hours – Eligible to sit for the CPA Examination

WORK EXPERIENCE

Clear Water Consulting, LLC, Johnstown, PA

Consultant February 2023 – Present

- Serves as a consultant to water and wastewater utilities in Kentucky by providing rate case assistance for applications before the Kentucky Public Service Commission

Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, KY

Public Service Rates and Tariffs Manager February 2020 – February 2023

- Responsible for the overall management, direction, and supervision of the Revenue Requirements Branch staff in their work involving the analysis of different aspects of public utility rate regulation
- Assisted the Division Director in developing and establishing policies and procedures such as ratemaking policies, employee policies, optimal internal organization, and coordination of division activities with other divisions in the agency
- Determined individual workload for team members and assigned casework as appropriate
- Mentored newer staff members and provided training in Financial Analysis related duties
- In addition to supervisory related duties, remained responsible for performing Financial Analysis related duties in Revenue Requirements and maintained an active case load

Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, KY

Public Utilities Financial Analyst III August 2013 – February 2020

- Performed Financial Analysis related duties for the PSC's Revenue Requirements Branch
- Calculated revenue requirements for public utilities during the alternative rate filing (ARF) process
- Reviewed general ledgers, financial statements, and source documentation during the field review in the ARF process
- Drafted staff reports regarding findings during the field review
- Testified before the Commission on staff report findings on two separate occasions
- Performed reviews of applications regarding finance, refinance, and rate adjustments of multiple types by public utilities and drafting orders reflecting Commission decisions
- Drafted data requests to obtain source documents and primary source information

Fain, Mattingly, and Associates, Nicholasville, KY

Staff Accountant September 2012 – July 2013

- Responsible for payroll, general ledger work (including production of financial statements), and tax returns for multiple clients
- Performed preliminary audit work and assisted with audits
- Performed administrative tasks including answering phones, filing documents, and preparing bills for clients

CAREER RELATED TRAINING AND SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Professional Suite and general ledger software
- Attended NARUC Utility Rate School hosted by Michigan State University in 2014
- Speaker at the Partnership Exchange on Regulatory Accounting in Dakar, Senegal hosted by NARUC
- Attended IPU MSU Advanced Regulatory Studies Program held in 2019
- Member of the 2020 EEC Leadership Academy hosted by the Energy and Environment Cabinet

ESTIMATE

Hourly Rate for general services: \$125/hr

Mileage Rate: \$0.655/mile

Breakdown:

6 Hours: Review case record to date which includes application, and initial requests for information by Commission Staff, Scott County, and Attorney General.

2 Hours: Review Responses to initial requests.

4 Hours: Draft supplemental requests as required to draft pre-filed testimony regarding cost of service issues and rate design.

10 Hours: Draft pre-filed testimony related to cost of service issues and rate design in relation to Delaplain residential/commercial and Longview/Homestead service areas.

20 Hours: Attend hearing in Frankfort, KY at PSC offices and testify before the Commission (this assumes a two and a half day hearing).

5 Hours: Assistance with Post-hearing brief and reply brief (if applicable)

Approximately 453 miles to attend hearing in Frankfort.

47 Hours @ 125: \$5,875

453 Miles @ .655: \$296.72

Total cost this Estimate: \$6,171.72