

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO THE FINANCIAL)	
AND OPERATING CAPACITY OF BLACK MOUNTAIN)	CASE NO.
UTILITY DISTRICT)	2023-00235

**RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S POST-HEARING REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION TO BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT DATED
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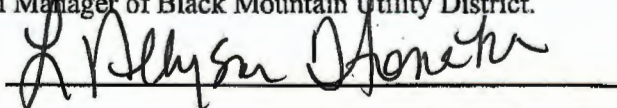
VERIFICATION OF GRANT COOPER

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
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 COUNTY OF HARLAN)

Grant Cooper, General Manager of Black Mountain Utility District, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of certain responses to Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information in the above-referenced case and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.


 Grant Cooper

The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this _____ day of April 2024, by Grant Cooper, General Manager of Black Mountain Utility District.



Notary Commission No. KYNPT6727

Commission expiration: 8/2/27



BLACK MOUNTAIN UTILITY DISTRICT

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PSC'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DATED 3/28/24

REQUEST 1

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: Grant Cooper

Request 1. Provide the water loss percentage for each system of Black Mountain District for the last two months. Provide the monthly percentage, as well as the 12-month rolling average for each month for each system.

Response 1.

Attachment A to this response contains the water loss percentage for each system of Black Mountain District for January 2024 and February 2024.

The 12-month rolling average water loss for each system are being provided separately in Excel format.

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REQUEST 2

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: Grant Cooper

Request 2. Provide the estimate of water loss for each system attributable to each facet of the water system (i.e., existing water lines, storage facilities, pump stations, and meters) for the last two months.

Response 2.

Attachment B to this response contains the estimates of water loss due to issues in the water system.

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REQUEST 3

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: Grant Cooper

Request 3. As referred to in Grant Cooper's hearing testimony, provide any notes or information, including but not limited to, a summary of the financials and water loss, that is provided to Black Mountain District Board of Commissioners prior to each Board meeting for the past six months.

Response 3.

Attachment C to this response contains the materials Mr. Cooper provided to the Board meetings for August – December 2023 and January 2024. The Board did not meet in February or March 2024 due to illness.

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REQUEST 4

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: Grant Cooper

Request 4. For the past 12 months from the date of this request, provide the number of customers per month that were without water at any given time during each month. Include the estimated duration of each outage for each customer. If a customer was out of service more than once, provide the number of times that customer was out of service. Do not include disconnections for nonpayment, only for outage.

Response 4.

Month	Number of Customers	Duration
March 2023		
April 2023		
May 2023	331	4 Hours, line break
June 2023	245	5 hours, line break
July 2023	278	3 hours, cracked line
August 2023	609	4 days – Evarts issue
September 2023	199	3 hours, line break
October 2023		
November 2023	609	5 days – Evarts issue
December 2023		
January 2024	1,000	5 days – freeze event
February 2024	102	4 hours, line break
March 2024		

The 609 customers that receive water from Evarts were without water 2 times.

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REQUEST 5

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: Grant Cooper

Request 5. Provide the number and dates of each boil-water advisory for the past three years. If available, provide a reason and duration for each boil-water advisory.

Response 5.

The number and dates of boil water advisories are being provided separately in Excel format.

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REQUEST 6

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: Grant Cooper

Request 6. For the next three years from the date of this request, provide the maintenance schedule for each water tank, including but not limited to inspection, painting and cleaning. If possible, provide the most recent date of each such activity.

Response 6.

Based on the available records the last tank inspections were in 2012

2024 – Inspect the seventeen (17) tanks on the Black Mountain system; Black Mountain, Disney, Sukey Ridge, Ranger Road, Ages, Watts Creek, Happy Top, Mary Wynn, Holmes Mill, Louellen, Bigelow, Divide, Shepherd, Davis, Banner Fort, Daniels Mountain, and Pine Mountain.

After the inspections this year, the course of action for the next two years will be determined.

2025 – based upon the inspections in 2024 repairs will begin. The repairs will progress from the tanks in the worst condition to the tanks in the best condition.

2026 – continue any repairs that began in 2024 or 2025 to tanks. Black Mountain will continue to conduct maintenance on all tanks including painting fences and cleaning tanks.