

### AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN CUMBO

Comes the Affiant, Brian Cumbo, after being duly sworn, and states under oath as follows:

1. That I, Brian Cumbo, am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and maintain an office at 86 West Main Street, Post Office Box 1844, Inez, Kentucky 41224. That I was admitted to the Kentucky Bar in 1992.
2. That I am local counsel for the Martin County Water District, and have acted in that capacity for many years.
3. Although I have represented the District for many years, I have never applied to the Public Service Commission to incur debt pursuant to KRS 278.300, as that process was always handled by outside counsel. In my history as counsel, Reuben & Hayes in Louisville, Kentucky handled those applications.
4. That several months ago, the District began discussions relative to the leasing of service trucks, as the service truck fleet for the District was aged and the general use, wear and tear had rendered the current fleet impractical and unreliable.
5. That it should have come to my attention that application to the Public Service Commission was necessary for the District to incur an obligation to lease new service vehicles, but it simply escaped my attention.
6. That, in fact, it was brought to my attention by Board Chairman Timothy Thoma, as he was attending his first Commissioner's training administered by the Public Service Commission where he received that instruction.
7. Mr. Thoma texted me immediately, inquiring as to whether we should have applied to the Public Service Commission for permission, and my immediate response was yes we should.
8. That because we have three new Commissioners, I would suggest that the Commissioners are without fault for this oversight, and it falls squarely on my shoulders.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

  
BRIAN CUMBO

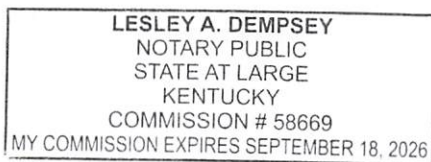


COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF MARTIN

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me by Brian Cumbo on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 2025.

My commission expires: September 18, 2026.



*Lesley A. Dempsey*  
NOTARY PUBLIC