

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [DeRouen, Jeff \(PSC\)](#); [Wuetcher, Jerry \(PSC\)](#)
Subject: Your comments and request in Case Number 2010-00300: Martin Co. Water District
Date: Monday, May 09, 2011 12:59:00 PM

Mr. Mueller:

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has received your comments and request for a local public meeting in the rate application filed by the Martin County Water District, case number 2010-00300.

Your request will be brought to the Commission's attention and also placed into the case file in this matter.

If a meeting is scheduled, it will be publicized through the news media and via an order and news release on the PSC website.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Andrew Melnykovych
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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Frankfort, KY 40601
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-----Original Message-----

From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 12:12 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
Subject: FW: [Fwd: Proposed Martin Co. Water rate increase: Case No. 2010-00300]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 12:11:46 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: [Fwd: Proposed Martin Co. Water rate increase: Case No. 2010-00300]
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Andrew: Sorry to be so long, but having serious e-mail issues (again).
Hope this is what you needed.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Proposed Martin Co. Water rate increase: Case No. 2010-00300
From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, May 8, 2011 5:19 pm
To: <psc.info@ky.gov>

To whom it may concern (and it should):

As a customer of Martin County Water District, I am requesting a public hearing in Inez on the district's proposal last year to increase the minimum fee for 2,000 gallons from \$20.66 a month to \$26.60 a month. The current fee, measured against other districts with 4,000-gallon minimum charges, is already the highest in the state, according to PSC statistics, while our drinking water, unfortunately, remains

undrinkable.

As you know, our water system has a long history of mismanagement, both by its board and Martin Fiscal Court. Neither the water board nor the county has provided customers with any assurance the proposed increase -- its second in three years -- will provide improved quality in our drinking water.

Indeed, the water district office in Inez buys bottled water, at public expense, claiming that their rented offices (\$500 a month, again at public expense) in a community center has no water service, even though water fountains are located in the hallway. The water board itself has never adequately explained why the water board was moved from the plant where it owns adequate office space and has access to its own water supplies.

As you may know, statistics from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta show that Martin County has the highest rate of bladder cancer in the state. I was myself diagnosed with bladder cancer last year after years of drinking filtered tap water. The diagnosis was later changed to transitional cellular carcinoma of the left kidney, which was removed at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland.

I now drink coffee made with bottled water. Hot showers scare me. And now the district wants to raise our rates again without demonstrating how it will improve our water quality. A public hearing would provide them with that opportunity.

We look forward to your response. Our health and welfare are literally in your hands.

Sincerely,

Lee Mueller
3169 Tomahawk Rd.
Tomahawk, KY 41262
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fw: address

From: Richard Young [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, May 3, 2011 6:01 pm

To: Donald York [REDACTED]

If anybody wants to send a comment on the proposed water rate increase to the Public Service Commission they may do so as stated below. The case # is 2010 - 00300. I was told that there is a fella at the Attorney General's office who reads every comment.

Also, 45% of this county's population is at or below the poverty level.

I'm going to post a comment.

All comments will be posted on the PSC web site for all to see, since they are public record.

I'm not sure but it is possible that if people knew where to sent a comment they may do it.

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Rodgers, Kathleen (PSC)" [REDACTED]
To: Richard Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2011 10:08 AM
Subject: RE: address

Mr. Young,

I have checked on your request. You can e-mail a comment to psc.info@ky.gov and reference in your e-mail the Case No. Our mailing address is Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 615 , Frankfort , KY 40602 .

Hope this is everything you need.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Rodgers

From: Richard Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 6:19 PM
To: Rodgers, Kathleen (PSC)
Subject: address

Dear Ms.
Rodgers,

I talked with a Mr. Dennis Howard at the AG office earlier today. He told me it was a simple matter to file with the PSC a "comment" in reference to Martin Co Water. I like that much better because it simplifies the matter in that there are no formal pleadings ect. He told me I could get the address from the PSC. I would appreciate it if you could forward this to someone who could respond by e-mail with an address at which to send comments. Also, if comments could be sent via e-mail it would be much more convient.

Thanks in
advance,
Richard Young