May 25, 2018

Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

RE: Martin County Water District
   PSC Case No. 2016-00142

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find original and six (6) copies of Martin Water District’s Supplemental Response to PSC’s Post Hearing Request for Information regarding the above matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

BRIAN CUMBO

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Enclosure
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION OF THE OPERATING )
CAPACITY OF MARTIN COUNTY WATER ) CASE NO. 2016-00142
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO KRS 278.280 )

MARTIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT’S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO PSC’S POST HEARING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2018
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was emailed and mailed, postage paid, on this the __ day of May, 2018, to the following:

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BRIAN CUMBO
6. Provide an update with regard to the negotiations with the Prestonsburg City’s Utilities Commission (“PCUC”) for the lease and use of the Honey Branch Tank. Include any correspondence between PCUC and Martin District as well as any agreements or draft agreements.

RESPONSE: See attached correspondence from Prestonsburg City’s Utilities Commission dated May 21, 2017.
May 21, 2018

Re: Honey Branch/Davella Road Pressure Zone Assets – Counteroffer

Dear Mr. Horn,

Thank you for your prompt response to my April 24, 2018 letter to you.

We truly appreciate your offer to sell to Prestonsburg City’s Utilities Commission the assets comprising your self-described Honey Branch pressure zone, from the District’s Davella Pump Station to the Airport Industrial Park; said pressure zone assets being more detailed in description as the Honey Branch Tank, the water mains and the customers (current and future). I am confident you and your board gave much consideration to all aspects involved to arrive at your offer of $5,000,000 to sell these assets and customers as well as the retiring of any loan balance. We appreciate those efforts.

According to the District’s calendar year 2000 Annual Report on file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission the District completed a capital construction project that year constructing/installing the very assets being considered for sale to Prestonsburg. The District utilized $2,583,950 to construct/install the assets. This funding was to be comprised of $29,000 from the District; a grant from the USDA/Rural Development of $714,000; an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant of $400,000; a KY Economic Development (coal severance) grant of $840,000; and a USDA/Rural Development loan of $600,000. Applying an economic life of 40 years this group of assets would have an approximate economic book value today of $1,458,855 ($2,583,950 less estimated depreciation of $1,125,090).

John, in addition to the District being the potential beneficiary of a very timely infusion of funds with which to utilize in whatever operating manner you and your board/management decide, the sale of the assets being considered here should enhance the District in other operational areas as well, including but not limited to reduced power costs due to much less pumping in your distribution system, reduced repairs and maintenance costs due to less infrastructure, and an overall smaller, more manageable service area.

"PRESTONSBURG CITY’S UTILITIES COMMISSION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"
After careful analysis and consideration we offer an amount of $1,850,000 to purchase the assets of the Honey Branch pressure zone (the Honey Branch Tank, the water mains and service lines and the customers (current and future) in this pressure zone from the Davella Pump Station to the Airport Industrial Park.

If this offer is agreeable to you and your board please let me know so we can mutually draft a purchase agreement.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Turner E. Campbell
Superintendent/CEO

Copy: Mayor Les Stapleton
      Chairman Jimmy Calhoun
      Kentucky Public Service Commission