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Virginia B Edwards 224 W. Factory Street Harrodsburg, Ky 40330

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: Case No 2023-00108 complainant: Virginia B Edwards vs North Mercer Water District Complaint filed March 28, 2023

TO: Respectfully, The Public Service Commission

I will try to be as brief as i can and still provide you with the necessary information requested.

Property being discussed 241/243 Hycliff ST., Harrodsburg,KY. This building has been vacant for three (3) years. I thought it would be more advantageous to allow the meter to be left on, if any emergencies requiring the use of water were necessary. I paid the flat rate each month to North Mercer Water and the City of Harrodsburg water dept. Also, I must tell you that the bill is under the name, Marshall Sawyer, my companion of thirty four (34) years. He passed away eight (8) years ago and I could not bring myself to put it in my name. On December 23 or 24, 2022 Govenor Andy Beasher declared a State of Emergency because of the bad freeze and weather conditions. He advised remain inside, if possible. I believe that was the time that the water pipe under the crawlspace broke. I had been looking to do some renovations on the building and located Ricky Cannon of Cannon Construction to look at the building and estimate a price for repairs.

North Mercer Water has the knowledge and equipment to know immediately if there is a change or something occurring with the meter. I was never made aware of anything out of the ordinary till the construction contractor, Cannon came by Tuesday January 10, 2023 to get the keys to the building to inspect for the improvements that should to be done. This was around three or four p.m. Upon entering he said he heard gushing water, but saw nothing in the building. He then went around to the crawlspace and witnessed a hugh amount of water. He immediately turned off the meter and informed me of the situation. You will see by the bill from North Mercer that the meter was read earlier that day but they did not attempt to control the water by shutting off the meter. Because of other breaks around the city it took me a while to hire a plumber. My name was placed on a waiting list to repair the broken pipe, but I was so thankful to contractor cannon for cutting the meter off so there was breathing time to wait for the plumber. Then to I had no intention of turning the meter back on. The pipe was repaired Monday January 16, 2023. | did not communicate with North Mercer till I received the bill on the first of February 2023. I phoned Mischele Lee, Manager, but she would not entertain lowering or dismissing the

cost. I then made an appointment for February 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.to meet with North Mercer's Board Members at the office. I was totally rejected and denied my request. But they did relent some because I had mentioned the Public Service Commission and they said that whatever decision the PSC makes they will accept. I also talked to Scott Moseley, Mayor City of Harrodsburg at that time. He thought maybe

if he talked to Gerald Shepperson, NMWD Board Member he could have some help because when Mr. Shepperson was Mercer County Judge, Scott said he had been a positive supporter on some things Mr. Shepperson wanted done. But Mr. Shepperson refused.

All of what i just said can be verified by Amy Huffman, City Water Manager at City Hall. will add this on January 12, 2023, Tammy Holiday, NMWD clerk called andask me who turned the meter off. | answered Ricky Cannon. On February 20, 2023 | started paying North Mercer Water \$50.00 a month toward the bill. I did this through May 10, 2023, till I realized someone from North Mercer Water had turned the meter back on and I was being charged since February the flat rate. | did not agree, request, nor want the meter live. I had already wrote out the \$50.00 check for June 2023 but I tore it up and emailed (June 6, 2023 8:30 am) mischele Lee that i would not pay anymore till my bill was corrected and I was credited back the flatrate that was tacted on my account. I do notwant any water service till I am comfortable with North Mercer Water and can trust them. I showed them my good faith but again they showed their greed for money at my cost. The only thing i have received from North Mercer February 2023 they mailed me a copy of rates and charges, Leak Adjustment Tariffs. However today, I called north mercer water at 9:39 am, the person that answered(Kyle) took my request for a copy of North Mercer's Board of Minutes on Wednesday

February 15, 2023, the meeting I attended per my request. I should have gotten a copy before but all these issues have had an impact on my normal thinking, she put Tammy Holiday, NM clerk, on the phone and she is suppose to call me when the copies are available. I am anxious to see if the minutes are accurate concerning my situation.

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copy of S & K plumbing Repair \mathcal{B}

copies North mercer Water District Invoices \bigcirc

copy email to Mischele Lee \square

copy of Rates and charges by NMWD 🖉

copies of city of Harrodsburg sewer invoices *F*

Notarized letter from Cannon Construction (Ricky Cannon)when he discovered the bursted pipe and his action to turn the meter off. \mathcal{G}

copy of February 15, 2023 North Mercer Water District Board Member Minutes. onumber

All of the copies have name and telephone numbers if you have any further concerns.

I want to say thank You for all of the Commission's time and efforts to listen to my problems, because i know from looking at your agenda your work is very, very busy and important, not to mention the stress. I am impressed that you want all evidence that pertains to a fair and just decision. I support your effort to get to the truth. I am just sorry that these people were not concerned with the same values of truth and justice and in doing so, caused more work, a waste of precious water, and placed their responsibility on the Public Service Commission's time. So, so, sorry.

of phone calls, emails, or letters between Ms. Edwards and North Mercer District regarding the incident, and the work order completed by Ms. Edwards' contractor to shut off her water.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 20(4)(a), upon receipt of a formal complaint the Commission must determine whether the complaint states a prima facie case. A complaint establishes a prima facie case when, on its face, it states sufficient allegations that, if uncontradicted by other evidence, would entitle the complainant – here, Ms. Edwards, to the requested relief from an act or omission that violated a statute, regulation, Commission Order, or tariff. If a complaint fails to establish a prima facie case, it may be dismissed.

Based upon a review of the complaint, the Commission is unable to determine at this time whether the complaint establishes a prima facie case, but the allegations support further investigation into the merits of the complaint. The Commission finds that Ms. Edwards should file, within 20 days of the date of service of this Order, certain documents to provide support for making a prima facie case. Ms. Edwards may file the documents with the Commission by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602-0615, or by email at PSCED@ky.gov.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Within 20 days of the date of service of this Order, Ms. Edwards shall file with the Commission:

- a. An explanation of the circumstances that caused the pipe(s) to break; EXFOCME Weather condition
- b. The date and time of the incident;

c. The length of the incident; Repaired Jan 16, 2023 But water was shut off Jan 10, 2023

- d.
- The location of the broken pipe; Crawis pace A copy of the work order done by Ms. Edwards' contractor to shut off e. No work order; Just common sense

her water.

Any documentation of phone calls, emails, or letters between Ms. f. Edwards and North Mercer District regarding the incident. Cnclosed

Copies of any bills from North Mercer District regarding the alleged q. ENC/OSCO incident;

h. A summary of any in person or telephone conversations with North Mercer District regarding the alleged incident. Enclosed

2. Ms. Edwards shall file the documents required in ordering paragraph 1 with the Commission by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602-0615, or by email at PSCED@ky.gov.

3. Ms. Edwards shall respond to any additional requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, as provided in those requests.

4. A copy of this Order shall be served on Ms. Edwards by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested at 224 W. Factory Street, Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330.

5. Nothing contained in this Order shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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AT&T S&k Plumbing

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Mon, Jan 16, 2023 8:56 AM

My name is Virginia edwards 224 w. Factory st., Harrodsburg. I have a duplex in Brentwood 243 hycliff street (Last bldg on the right). The water line under the duplex froze and burst. The crawl space is tall enough to stand up in. Please repair as soon as possible. My phone is

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copy of email sent virginia B edwards 9/14/2023

----- Forwarded Message -----From: msawyer1 To: mlee@northme ≤mlee@northmercerwater.org> Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 08:30:06 AM EDT Subject: water service

mischell, my contractor, elliott cannon, has been working at 243 hycliff street harrodsburg, ky. when the pipe burst in december 2022 he discovered the leak on january 10, 2023 and immediately shut the meter off. tammy holiday called me on january 12, 2023 and wanted to know who shut the water off. i told her the contractor. i did not authorize, nor request that it be made active. i am receiving charges for a live meter. i will not continue to make any further payments to north mercer water till you clear up those charges. virginia edwards

ExhibitD

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	Mercer, Anderson, and Washington FOR <u>Counties, Kentucky</u> Community, Town or City
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<u>Mercer Water District</u> Name of Utility)	CANCELLING P.S.C. KY. NO.
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LEAK ADJUSTMENT TARIFFS

All previous rates, regulations, and/or tariffs relating to the District's rate adjustment for leaks are void as of the effective date of this tariff.

From the effective date of this tariff, forward, the Policy of the North Mercer Water District concerning a customer request for a rate adjustment due to a leak shall include the following provisions:

- 1. ' Leaks eligible for a rate adjustment consideration shall be defined as a line break that is on the customer's side of the water meter that results in the excess of 10,000 gallons above the customer's average water usage from the previous 12 months.
- 2. All leaks must be proven. Any of the following may be used to prove that a leak existed: a. Receipts for repair supplies
 - b. Pictures of the break

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- c. A plumber's statement
- 3. Customers must also bring in a signed statement by the person who completed the repair outlining how and when the repair was completed.
- 4. Customers will be limited to adjustments for one leak per year.

Due diligence must be required of customers that have received notice from the District of a potential leak and the time that the leak is repaired. Repairs that are not performed in a reasonable time after the determination that a leak exists will not be given consideration for a rate adjustment.

Should the District manager determine that a rate adjustment is appropriate for a reported leak, and all the above requirements met, an adjustment will be made to the customer's bill for the leak as outlined above with the excess water used discounted by \$1.00 per thousand gallons off the current rate.

Any customer dissatisfied with the decision of management may ask for a Board of Commissioners' Review.

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I, Reece Cannon went to property address 243/241 Hycliff st Harrodsburg, KY duplex on January 10th 2023. Upon arrival, found the main water line coming out of foundation was busted and leaking to where there was over 4 foot of standing water in the crawl space of the property.

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Exhibit H

NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Andrew Dennis, Chairman Paul Campbell, Treasurer Gerald Sheperson, Vice-Chairman Lee Todd Pinkston, Commissioner Virginia Edwards, Customer Tony Best, Secretary Mischell Lee, Manager Norrie Currens, Attorney Riley Sumner, BG engineering

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Andrew Dennis.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January meeting. Gerald made a motion to approve the minutes. Tony seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the financial statements for the district for the month of January. Paul made a motion to approve payment of expenses for January totaling \$314,216.91. Gerald seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Water loss for January was 10.5%. Although double from Decembers reading, the loss is reasonable considering the month of January with freezing temps.

Customer Virginia Edwards came before the board asking that her adjustment for her leak be adjusted. Ms. Edwards was not happy with the amount of adjustment given. It was explained that the District is required to follow our tariffs and to treat all customers the same. Ms. Edwards bill was adjusted accordingly. Ms. Edwards pipes had frozen in a vacant rental property she owns during the deep freeze in February when temps plummeted to below 0 for more than 3 days. Over 400,000 gallons went through Ms. Edwards meter. Ms. Edwards did not accept that the Board was unable to adjust her bill further and was visibly upset. The Board encouraged Ms. Edwards to take her issue to the PSC and North Mercer would follow the PSC's guidance in how the situation should be handled if different from the actions taken.

Gerald made a motion to send Ms. Pawley a letter outlining the regulations pertaining to a line extension. Paul seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ms. Pawley did not attend the meeting as she had said she would. The letter will point out that if the Pawley's move forward with installing a private line, legally it can only be used by them. They cannot lawfully attach another customer to their private line. They will also be responsible for maintaining the line and the line is still required to meet North Mercer Water's installation requirements and pass inspection.

Riley reported that Boca will request a construction draw of \$96,363.00 and Bluegrass Engineering will request \$2400.00. The attempt to cross under the railroad failed after two days of trying to complete. The bore made it down 5 feet and the Railroad person inspecting wanted 5 1/2 feet. A variance was requested and denied. The person doing our bore said he would not try again. Railpros is charging North Mercer for the inspector, flagger and another person. At this point there is no guarantee that we could meet the railroads requirements to complete the bore. And the fees we would be subjected to could be substantial. To date, we have spent close to \$20,000.00 just to get permission, permits, etc... The Board agreed the best decision would be to abandon the railroad crossing and tie the remaining customers in at the Wheatschool road line. Gerald made a motion to go with the new plan and abandon the railroad crossing. Paul seconded the motion and the motion passed. In light of the situation, Boca has agreed to replace the line to Wheatschool to tie in the existing customers and to install the last hydrant at no charge to the District. This will save the District about \$24,000.00.

The Board will begin a planning session next month to discuss short term and long term goals and initiatives for the District. Andrew will extend an invitation to the new Judge Executive, Sarah Steele to attend our March meeting.

Gerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony seconded the motion and the motion passed

Tony Best, Secretary North Mercer Water District

Andrew Dennis, Chairman North Mercer Water District