

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF THE CITY OF )  
AUGUSTA TO INCREASE THE WHOLESALE ) CASE NO.  
WATER RATE CHARGED TO BRACKEN ) 2024-00349  
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT )

NOTICE OF FILING

Notice is given to all parties that the following materials have been filed into the record of this proceeding:

- The digital video recording of the evidentiary hearing conducted on July 31, 2025 in this proceeding; and
- All exhibits introduced at the evidentiary hearing conducted on July 31, 2025 in this proceeding.

The digital video recording of the hearing may be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be//UkAdS024lPo>

Done on this day, January 23, 2026.

  
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Linda C. Bridwell, PE  
Executive Director



Staff's Exhibit 1

"HISTORY on the river...AUGUSTA, my old Kentucky home."

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January 5, 2015

PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

Mr. Brent Kirtley  
Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Dear Mr. Kirtley,

Per our audit completed by Donna J. Hendrix, Bracken County's new water rate as of February 11, 2015 will be \$1.95 per thousand. Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Bracken County Water District and also the rate change form.

If you need any further information or have any questions please call me.

Sincerely,

*Gretchen England-Usleaman*  
Gretchen England-Usleaman  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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GRETCHEN  
ENGLAND-USLEAMAN

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**STAFF  
HEARING EXHIBIT 1**



"HISTORY on the river...AUGUSTA, my old Kentucky home."

January 5, 2015

Bracken County Water District #1  
P.O. Box 201  
Brooksville, KY 41004

To Whom It May Concern:

Effective February 11, 2015 the water rate will increase to \$1.95 per thousand, the water rate was decided by the Public Service Commission.

If you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

*Gretchen England-Usleaman*

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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**CITY OF AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY**  
**WATER TREATMENT PLANT COSTS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Operating costs for the fiscal year 2014, that were incurred by the City were consistent with cost calculations by Public Service Commission of Commonwealth of Kentucky.

<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	(For Comparison)	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 189,260	\$159,023
Chemicals and Testing	96,128	93,436
Utilities	89,290	73,983
Insurance	13,244	11,865
Repairs and Supplies	26,667	30,004
Accounting & Legal	-0-	4,100
Office Expense	<u>3,189</u>	<u>2,510</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b><u>\$417,778</u></b>	<b><u>\$374,921</u></b>

**TREATED GALLONS OF WATER**

Bracken County Water	164,134,700	158,328,300
City of Augusta	<u>50,026,000</u>	<u>46,450,000</u>
<b>TOTAL GALLONS</b>	<b><u>214,160,700</u></b>	<b><u>204,778,300</u></b>

**Cost Per 1000 Gallons**      **\$1.95**      **\$1.83**

The above-calculated costs do not include Capital Cost charged to the users each month:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Bracken County Water	\$6,090.00	\$ 73,080
City of Augusta	<u>2,030.00</u>	<u>24,360</u>
	<u>\$8,120.00</u>	<u>\$97,440</u>

AREA BRACKEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

CITY OF AUGUSTA  
(NAME OF UTILITY)

CANCELLING PSC KY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## RATES & CHARGES

#### MONTHLY WHOLESALE WATER RATE:

RATE FOR BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:

WATER USAGE \$1.95 PER 1,000 GALLONS

**CAPITAL COST CHARGE \$6,090 PER MONTH**

DATE OF ISSUE 1/5/2015 MONTH DATE YEAR

DATE EFFECTIVE 2/11/2015

MONTH DATE YEAR  
ISSUED BY Mayo - Zedex  
ITEMS RECEIVED

**SIGNATURE OF OFFICER**

BUSINESS RECORDS CERTIFICATON

I, Amy Meyer, being a business records custodian for the Brooksville News, who publishes a weekly newspaper in the County of Bracken, Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify, that the attached record is a true and accurate copy of an advertisement ran by the Brooksville News, on May 1, 2025, and that such record is a true and accurate representation of the advertisement as ran in the paper for that week of distribution, and that such copies are made at the time of printing the paper and kept for our records and for proof of advertisement for customers, and said copy was made at or near May 1, 2025, and that as stated is made in the course of regularly conducted activity, and made at by the newspaper as a regularly conducted activity as a regular practice as stated herein.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS MADE PURSUANT TO KRE 803(6) AND 803(7) AND KRE 902(11).

Amy Meyer *sm*  
BUSINESS RECORDS CUSTODIAN FOR BROOKSVILLE NEWS  
Amy Meyer (Print Name)  
*Bracken Co.*

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF Bracken

I, Makinley Hesler, being a Notary Public in the State of Kentucky at Large, do hereby certify that this the 30 day of July, 2025, that Amy Meyer, as business records custodian for Brooksville News, did sign, acknowledge before me and certify the forgoing business records certification.

Makinley Hesler *Bracken Co.*  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF KY, AT LARGE

12/28/27  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

KYNP84040  
NOTARY ID:

nd 180+ acres on Hwy. 8 in Pendleton Co. owned by Karen Nelson. (5-26)

Absolutely no hunting, fishing, UTV/ATV riding, horseback riding, or trespassing of any kind on the 90+ acres in Holts Creek, and 11 acres in Hwy. 10 in Pendleton Co. owned by Hubert Nickoson. (5-26)

Absolutely no hunting/ATV/UTV riding or trespassing of any kind (no exceptions) on the 112 acres owned by Richard and Brianna Ritz at 502 Old 19. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, loose dogs will be shot.

(3 yr. 8-27)

## **INVITATION ED BIDS CK – BRACKEN ER DISTRICT**

please take notice: Water District is seeking use of a new vehicle. By rectors, the District has use of bids for a new 2025 Crew Cab and has also excavator to the highest a minimum bid amount rd.

le right to reject any and minimum specifications stated costs approved by

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0 Silverado Crew Cab  
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ission: All sealed bids day, May 2, 2025, at 4:30 ty Water District, 1324 Road, Brooksville, KY

will be opened during e Bracken County Water rs on Thursday, May 15,

e bid will be considered, exceeds the anticipated Board.

ion, please contact the district office.

reject any or all bids.

## **CITY OF AUGUSTA ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A RATE OF \$2.967 PER 1000 GALLONS FOR WHOLESALE WATER SALES TO THE CITY OF AUGUSTA AND TO THE BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT UPON THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH RATE BY THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, OR SUCH RATE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO KRS 278.190(2).**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY as follows:**

1. That Jack Scott Lawless of the Kentucky Rural Water Association conducted a Water Rate Study for the Augusta Water Treatment Plant, which study was dated August 5, 2024.

2. Such Water Rate Study resulted in a unified rate of \$2.967 per 1000 gallons.

3. That after consideration and discussion of such Water Rate Study, the Augusta City Council voted to adopt such rate at a regular Augusta City Council meeting held on September 2024, and

4. The Water Treatment Plant Advisory Board voted to recommend the adoption of such rate at the Water Treatment Plant Advisory Board Meeting on September 19, 2024.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Augusta hereby adopts the wholesale water rate of \$2.967 per 1000 gallons for sales to the City of Augusta and to the Bracken County Water District, such rate to be effective upon the final acceptance of such rate by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, or to be effective as provided pursuant to KRS 278.190(2).

5. This Ordinance shall take effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Augusta, this the 16th day of April, 2025.

/s/ JOHN LAYCOCK, MAYOR

Passed on first reading: 1/15/2025

Adopted on second reading: 4/16/2025

Signed by Mayor: 4/22/2025

Recorded by Clerk: 4/22/2025

Published: 5/1/2025

ATTEST: /s/ GRETCHEN USLEAMAN,  
CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY:

/s/ Cynthia C. Thompson, Esq.  
Legal Counsel, City of Augusta  
202 East Riverside Drive  
Augusta, KY 41002

BUSINESS RECORDS CERTIFICATON

I, Amy Meyer, being a business records custodian for the Bracken Co.  
Brooksville News, who publishes a weekly newspaper in the County of Bracken, Commonwealth  
of Kentucky, do hereby certify, that the attached record is a true and accurate copy of an  
advertisement ran by the Brooksville News, on June 26, 2025, and that such record is a true and  
accurate representation of the advertisement as ran in the paper for that week of distribution,  
and that such copies are made at the time of printing the paper and kept for our records and for  
proof of advertisement for customers, and said copy was made at or near May 1, 2025, and that  
as stated is made in the course of regularly conducted activity, and made at by the newspaper  
as a regularly conducted activity as a regular practice as stated herein.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS MADE PURSUANT TO KRE 803(6) AND 803(7) AND KRE 902(11).

Amy Meyer  
BUSINESS RECORDS CUSTODIAN FOR BROOKSVILLE NEWS  
Amy Meyer (Print Name)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF Bracken

I, Markinley Hester, being a Notary Public in the State of  
Kentucky at Large, do hereby certify that this the 30 day of July, 2025,  
that Amy Meyer, as business records custodian for Brooksville News, did sign,  
acknowledge before me and certify the forgoing business records certification.

Markinley Hester  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF KY, AT LARGE

12/28/27  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

KYNP84040  
NOTARY ID:

## BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, KY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF AUGUSTA:

SECTION 1:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted as follows:

<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	
TAXES	369,208.39
LICENSES & PERMITS	983,300.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV. FINE & FORFEITS	79,181.66
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	493,500.00
OTHER	575,940.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>2,501,130.05</b>
<b>Gas Fund Revenues</b>	
TAXES	48,628.29
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	669,000.00
OTHER	8,450.00
<b>Total Gas Fund</b>	<b>726,078.29</b>
<b>Water Fund Revenues</b>	
TAXES	25,295.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	347,000.00
OTHER	7,650.00
<b>Total Water Fund</b>	<b>379,945.00</b>
<b>Water Treatment Plant Fund Revenues</b>	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV. FINE & FORFEITS	145,000.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	374,000.00
OTHER	93,281.00
<b>Total Water Treatment Plant Fund</b>	<b>612,281.00</b>
<b>Sewer Fund Revenues</b>	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	459,781.56
<b>Total Sewer Fund</b>	<b>459,781.56</b>
<b>General Fund Appropriations</b>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,064,858.82
PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE	421,579.73
PUBLIC SAFETY - FIRE	36,657.00
PUBLIC WORKS - STREETS	107,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION	343,000.00
PARKS & RECREATION	528,034.50
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>2,501,130.05</b>
<b>Gas Fund Appropriations</b>	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	726,078.29
<b>Total Gas Fund</b>	<b>726,078.29</b>
<b>Water Fund Appropriations</b>	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	379,945.00
<b>Total Water Fund</b>	<b>379,945.00</b>
<b>Water Treatment Plant Fund Appropriations</b>	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	525,181.00
DEBT SERVICE	87,100.00
<b>Total Water Treatment Plant Fund</b>	<b>612,281.00</b>
<b>Sewer Fund Appropriations</b>	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	459,781.56
<b>Total Sewer Fund</b>	<b>459,781.56</b>

SECTION 2: That this ordinance shall be effect on July 1, 2025.

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

All interested persons and organizations in the City of Augusta are hereby notified that a copy of the City's adopted budget in full size is available for public inspection at the City Office during normal business hours.

/s/ JOHN LAYCOCK, MAYOR

Attest: /s/ GRETCHEN USLEAMAN, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

The above summary of City of Augusta Budget Ordinance No. 2025-01 was prepared by:

/s/ CYNTHIA C. THOMPSON  
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This advertisement was paid for by the City of Augusta using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$202.50.

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