

Cartwright Creek, L.L.C.
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Mr. David Foster, Chief
Utilities Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deaderick St.
Nashville, TN 37243

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Subject: Cartwright Creek, LLC - Request to Utilize Alternative Financial Security
Docket No. 17-00035

Dear Mr. Foster,

Attached for filing is my testimony in the above Docket.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Bruce Meyer
Operations Manager

Separate Transmittal: Original, four copies sent to TPUC via FedEx 6/27/17

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**CARTWRIGHT CREEK, LLC
REQUEST TO UTILIZE ALTERNATIVE
FINANCIAL SECURITY**

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY
of
BRUCE MEYER**

ON BEHALF OF CARTWRIGHT CREEK, LLC

June 21, 2017

1 ***Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS FOR THE***
2 ***RECORD.***

3 ***A1.*** My name is Bruce Meyer and my business address is 1551 Thompson's Station
4 Road West, Thompson's Station, TN 37179.

6 ***Q2. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?***

7 ***A2.*** I am employed by Sheaffer Wastewater Solutions, LLC as Operations Manager of
8 Cartwright Creek, LLC.

10 ***Q3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?***

11 ***A3.*** The purpose of my testimony is to support the request of Cartwright Creek, LLC
12 to continue to utilize alternative financial security of \$50,000 as approved by the
13 Commission in Docket 15-00052.

15 ***Q4. WHY IS CARTWRIGHT CREEK REQUESTING THE ALTERNATIVE***
16 ***FINANCIAL SECURITY?***

17 ***A4.*** In Docket 15-00052, Cartwright Creek provided testimony that the utility could
18 not obtain financial security at the level required by the current TRA regulations
19 due to its financial condition. As a proposed alternative, it presented information
20 that showed that a \$50,000 bond, which would be obtainable, would provide
21 funds to operate the utility on a temporary basis for two months. The order
22 approving the alternative financial security in that docket was approved August

1 15, 2016. The utility's financial picture did not change significantly through the
2 end of 2016 and the cost of running the utility for two months remains the same.
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4 **Q5. HAS CARTWRIGHT CREEK'S REVENUE CHANGED FROM 2015 TO**
5 **2016?**

6 **A5.** No. After adjustment for developer contributions and tap fees, the revenue from
7 2015 to 2016 increased from \$471,947 to \$476,351, an increase of less than 1%.
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9 **Q6. WHAT IMPACT HAS THE APPROVAL OF THE STAFF ASSISTED**
10 **RATE CASE IN DOCKET 16-00127 HAD ON THE UTILITY'S**
11 **FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

12 **A6.** The rate case was approved in January 2017 and the new rates went into effect on
13 February 1, 2017. The increases in sewer service charges and maintenance
14 surcharges approved in the Docket are expected to help Cartwright Creek in the
15 long term. However, the impact needs to be evaluated on an annual basis, at the
16 end of 2017, when the revenue projections and expenses can be compared to
17 actual results.
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19 **Q7. HAVE THE CONDITIONS OF THE THREE CARTWRIGHT CREEK**
20 **FACILITIES CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE THE PREVIOUS**
21 **APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL SECURITY.**

22 **A7.** No major changes have been made and no major problems have occurred.
23 Cartwright Creek continues to operate and maintain the three systems.

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2 ***Q8. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?***

3 ***A8.*** Yes, it does.

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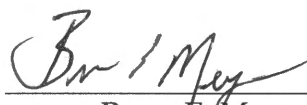
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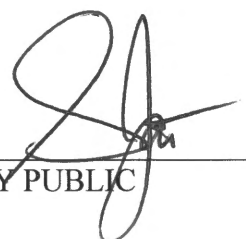
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I, Bruce E. Meyer, on behalf of Cartwright Creek, LLC hereby certify that the attached Direct
Testimony represents my opinion in the above-referenced case.


Bruce E. Meyer

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 21st day of June, 2017.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 12-12-2020

