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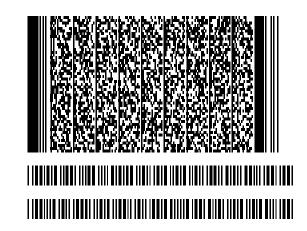
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I, Stephanie Covington, did witness the participants named above electronically sign this document.



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# Before the

# Tennessee Public Utilities Commission

Docket No. 21-00119

Affidavit of **Bruce Meyer** 

January \_\_\_, 2022



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### **Affidavit of Bruce Meyer**

My name is Bruce Meyer. I have reviewed my testimony as shown in the attached pages from the transcript of the hearing in T.P.U.C. Docket 21-00119.

That testimony is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bruce Meyer

State of Tennessee

County of Davidson

Personally appeared before me, Bruce Meyer, the within named Affiant, with whom I am personally acquainted (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence), and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand, at office, this 11th day of January, 2022.

Notary's Signature

My commission expires: 1/8/24

(SEAL)

STEPHANIE G. COVINGTON Tennessee Notary Public

Online Notary Public Davidson County, State Of Tennessee My Commission Expires Jan 08, 2024

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# In The Matter Of:

Before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission Nashville, Tennessee

> Transcript of Commission Conference December 6, 2021

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	
TRANSCRIPT OF COMMISSION CONFERENCE	
Monday, December 6, 2021	

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1	COMMISSIONER JONES: Jones votes aye.
2	COMMISSIONER HIE: Hie votes aye.
3	VICE CHAIR HILLIARD: Dr. Hill, are you
4	back yet?
5	(No response.)
6	THE CLERK: Section 15, Commissioner
7	Good, Hie, Hill, Jones and Morrison. Docket number 21-
8	00119. Cartwright Creek, LLC. Petition of Cartwright
9	Creek, LLC requesting approval of capital improvements.
10	Hear and consider petition.
11	COMMISSIONER MORRISON: I'll call this
12	hearing to order and state for the record that this
13	matter was duly noticed for hearing on November 24,
14	2021 and is being conducted in accordance with the
15	Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.
16	I see that the companies have come
17	forward. Please introduce yourselves for the record.
18	MR. WALKER: I'm Henry Walker, counsel
19	for Cartwright Creek.
20	COMMISSIONER MORRISON: And you have
21	Bruce Meyer on the phone; is that correct?
22	MR. WALKER: Yes, ma'am.
23	COMMISSIONER MORRISON: Does Cartwright
24	Creek have any opening remarks?
25	MR. WALKER: Just briefly. Even though

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1	you have just approved the sale of Cartwright Creek to
2	Limestone, the sale has not closed yet. We hope it
3	will close before the end of the year.
4	So for right now, Cartwright Creek
5	still has to run its business. One of the things it
6	does is it collects money from customers to put in an
7	escrow account to hold for capital repairs.
8	But when it takes money out of the
9	escrow account to use for capital repairs, it has to
10	get approval from the agency.
11	So this is simply a petition to get
12	approval from the agency to spend \$19,000 on some very
13	necessary capital repairs. And the engineer, Bruce
14	Meyer, who handled that is on the phone and will
15	testify as to why that needed to be done.
16	COMMISSIONER MORRISON: Okay. Thanks,
17	Mr. Walker. Please introduce your witness.
18	MR. WALKER: Mr. Meyer, are you
19	present?
20	MR. MEYER: Yes, I am.
21	MR. WALKER: Let me explain. Mr. Meyer
22	cannot leave the house right now. He's homebound. He
23	does not have a notary with him.
24	So we're doing this a little bit
25	differently. He will testify, but then after this is



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1	over, he will submit an affidavit stating that
2	everything he has testified to is true and correct.
3	So I wanted to explain why we're doing
4	this a little differently.
5	COMMISSIONER MORRISON: All right. Due
6	to extenuating circumstances, I'm going to swear you in
7	over the phone. And in accordance with the order
8	issued by the hearing officer on December 2, you'll
9	file an affidavit attesting to the testimony you
10	present today.
11	I'm actually a notary so I could have
12	anyway.
13	BRUCE MEYER
14	was called as a witness, and after having been first
15	duly sworn or affirmed, testified as follows:
16	EXAMINATION
17	BY MR. WALKER:
18	Q. Mr. Meyer, please introduce yourself and
19	briefly explain and summarize your prefiled testimony.
20	A. Sure. Thank you, Mr. Walker.
21	This is Bruce Meyer, M-E-Y-E-R. And I'm the
22	operations manager for Cartwright Creek, LLC. The
23	address is 6545 Cox Road in College Grove. I've been
24	operations manager for about 15 years.
25	To explain the prefiled testimony, first of



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1	all, thank you for letting me participate this way
2	electronically today.
3	The wastewater systems at Arrington Retreat
4	development was installed in 2009. It's one of the
5	original Sheaffer's type of system in Tennessee, and
6	the treated wastewater is
7	COMMISSIONER MORRISON: Mr. Meyer,
8	you've got fuzziness on your line. Are you on speaker,
9	by chance?
10	(Off-record discussion.)
11	COMMISSIONER MORRISON: Go ahead.
12	A. The irrigation system in Arrington Retreat
13	consists of aboveground spray nozzles and about
14	15 automatic underground control valves.
15	The original installation back in 2009
16	didn't include shutoff valves for each of the automatic
17	valves so when one valve needed service, the entire
18	lagoon system was shut down, and the treated not the
19	lagoon system. Sorry. The entire irrigation system
20	was shut down, and the treated wastewater was stored in
21	lagoons.
22	Shutting down the entire irrigation system
23	during repairs wasn't a problem when there were fewer
24	homes, but now all the homes are built and occupied,
25	and wastewater influent flow is high.



And in the spring, this spring, we had several automatic valves needing service. This, coupled with rain when we must shut the irrigation system down by our permit, meant the lagoons were filling close to their permitted levels.

And we needed a way to keep the rest of the system operating during maintenance, namely, a shutoff valve, a manual shutoff valve, at each automatic valve.

So we obtained a proposal from a contractor that we normally use for that type of work, and it was for the shutoff valves and other underground required piping.

The shutoff valves were on back order, like many things have been in the past year, but they finally came in. It took quite some time.

In the meantime, we had some additional rains, and we became concerned that if the trend would continue, we would exceed the TDEC permit. But when the valves came in, therefore I authorized the installation in mid-September.

And the manual valves were installed, and the work is complete. And we're getting the lagoon levels to fall back down and the operation back where it should be for the wintertime.

No money was taken from the escrow account,

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    pending today's approval request submittal.
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                    MR. WALKER: That completes our
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    presentation.
                    MR. MEYER: And that concludes my
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    testimony.
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                     COMMISSIONER MORRISON: Okay.
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    you, Mr. Meyer.
                     Do the Commissioners or staff have any
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    questions?
                     MS. CASHMAN-GRAMS: No.
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                     COMMISSIONER JONES: I have one. I'm
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    assuming since Limestone's purchasing this shortly,
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    they would agree to have this done? Because they most
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    likely would have to do it after the close.
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                     MR. WALKER: The work's already been
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    done. We just have to pull the money out of the escrow
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    account to pay for it.
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                     COMMISSIONER JONES: Gotcha.
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    wants the money, right?
                     MR. WALKER: Right.
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                     COMMISSIONER MORRISON: All right.
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    witness is excused.
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                     Mr. Walker, would you like to move the
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    docket filings into the record?
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                     MR. WALKER: So moved.
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                     COMMISSIONER MORRISON: Without
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    objection, so moved.
                     Are there any concluding remarks?
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                    MR. WALKER: No, ma'am.
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                     COMMISSIONER MORRISON: As this is a
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    public hearing, at this time, is there any member of
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    the public who would like to make a comment on this
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    matter?
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                         (No response.)
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                     Let the record reflect that no one is
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    seeking recognition to comment.
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                     Based upon the evidentiary record, I
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    find the expenses related to the installation of manual
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    valves for the Arrington Retreat wastewater system to
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    be prudent. Therefore, I move approval of Cartwright
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    Creek's request to fund $19,436.10 from its escrow
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    reserve account, which has sufficient existing funds to
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    pay for the project.
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                     I so move.
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                     COMMISSIONER JONES: Jones votes aye.
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                     COMMISSIONER HIE: Hie votes aye.
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                     COMMISSIONER GOOD: Good votes aye.
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                     COMMISSIONER MORRISON: Dr. Hill?
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                         (No response.)
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                     Thank you, Mr. Walker.
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