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**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE
Pursuant To
Application
Number
880-0202,
Renewal**

In accordance with KRS 350:055, notice is hereby given that ICG East Kentucky, LLC, Route 17, P.O. Box E, Sharples, WV 25183, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.19 miles east of Nolan, West Virginia in Pike and Martin Counties. The operation disturbs 1,277.94 surface acres. The proposed operation is approximately 2.1 miles southeast from

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SR-292's junction with Stepp Branch Road and is located along Mount Sterling Branch of Tug Fork. The operation is located on the Naugatuck and Williamson U.S.G.S. 7 1/2-minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the surface area removal methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by ICG East Kentucky, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division Mining Reclamation and Enforcements Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE
Pursuant to
Application
Number
898-0851
Amendment
No. 5**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Wellmore Coal Corporation dba Black Diamond Company, 1073 Riverview Street, Grundy, VA 24614, has applied for an Amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 2.1 miles northeast of Steele in Pike County. The amendment will add 3.5 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 551.0 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.1 miles east from Jones Fork Roads junction with KY 366 and located 0.1 mile north of Jones Fork. The proposed

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amendment is located on the Jam-boree U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Wellmore Coal Company, LLC. The operation will use the area, contour and auger/high-wall mining methods. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**BLASTING
SCHEDULE
PERMIT No.
898-1036**

Notification is hereby provided that B & W Resources, Inc., 300 Liperote Way, London, Kentucky 40741, (606) 251-3070, Permit No. 898-1036 will be blasting on Big Branch of the Tug Fork River. Blasting will be performed daily, Monday through Sunday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. Traffic may be temporarily stopped by Flagmen on KY 194, KY2059, and Woodman Road. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type (s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal; a one (1) minute se-

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ries of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast signal, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a

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siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one half (1/2) mile of the blasting site. This schedule shall be in effect from January, 2026 until January, 2027.

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE
Pursuant to
Application
Number
898-4665
Renewal #5**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that ARC Kentucky Resources, LLC, 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for renewal of permit no. 898-4665. The proposed operation is located 3.30 miles southeast of Dorton in Pike County. The proposed operation will disturb 83.0123 surface acres within the permit boundary. The proposed operation is approx-

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imately 0.5 miles northeast from Ky. Route 805 junction with Threemile Branch Road and located 0.25 miles north of Threemile Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Dorton and Jenkins East U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by ARC Kentucky Resources, LLC and Pike County Fiscal Court. The renewal application has been filed for public inspection at the Division for Mine Reclamation and Enforcements Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division Mine of Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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**INVITATION
TO BID
Mountain Water District will receive sealed bids for an Automatic Meter Reading System (AMR) with Ultrasonic Meters, Distribution System Leak Detection Sensors and Metering Software** until 10:30am, Friday, December 5th, 2025 at the office of Jim Vanover, Vanover Hall, Bartley & Ward, located at 225 Hambley Blvd, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41501. Bids may be mailed via UPS, FedEx or the postal service to this address, or hand delivered to this address by the deadline as well. Specifications may be obtained upon request by calling 606-631-6165 or requested via email at mwright@mtwater.org. Bidder should submit bid in a sealed envelope marked **Water Meter Replace-**

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ment Project 2025. Mountain Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Tammy Olson General Manager

**ADVERTISE-
MENT FOR BID
MWD
TELEMETRY
ITEMS**

Mountain Water District will receive individual sealed bids for two (2) satellite telemetry units for booster pump stations, and two (2) solar satellite telemetry units for water storage tanks, one (1) remote solar, cellular tank station panel, one (1) software license and installation for an Electro Quip cellular telemetry system, and twenty (20) 5G modems compatible with Electro Quip cellular telemetry systems. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025 at the office of Jim Vanover, Vanover Hall, Bartley, and

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Ward, 225 Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41501. Bids may be mailed via UPS, FedEx, or via the US Postal Service to this address, or may be hand delivered to this address by the deadline as well. For project specifications or inspection of facility/site conditions please contact Melissa Wright at (606) 631-6165 or via email at mwright@mtwater.org. Bidder should submit bids in a sealed envelope labeled "MWD TELEMETRY ITEMS". Mountain Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Tammy Olson General Manager

**PUBLIC
NOTICE**

The following Ordinance was given a first reading by Assistant County Attorney Roy Downey during the November 18, 2025, special scheduled Pike County Fiscal Court meeting.

NOTICE

On or about November 7, 2025, Mountain Water District will file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission for the purpose of adjusting its monthly rates for water service. Mountain Water District proposes to charge the following rates for water service:

WATER RATES				
	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Change (\$)*	Change (%)
Retail Rates:				
Monthly Customer Charge				
5/8 x 3/4-Inch Meter	\$ 8.99	\$ 8.95	\$ (0.04)	-0.44
1-Inch Meter	\$ 12.59	\$ 17.73	\$ 5.14	40.83
2-Inch Meter	\$ 26.07	\$ 49.74	\$ 23.67	90.79
3-Inch Meter	\$ 98.89	\$ 96.30	\$ (2.59)	-2.62
4-Inch Meter	\$125.86	\$148.68	\$ 22.82	18.13
6-Inch Meter	\$188.79	\$294.18	\$105.39	55.82
Multiple Family Dwellings (Per Unit)	\$ 8.99	\$ 8.95	\$ (0.04)	-0.44
Volumetric Rate Per Gallon (All Meter Sizes)	\$ 0.01148	\$ 0.01471	\$ 0.00323	28.14
Wholesale Rate				
No Monthly Customer Charge				
City of Elkhorn	\$ 0.00452	\$ 0.00513	\$ 0.00061	13.50
Mingo County Public Service District	\$ 0.00452	\$ 0.00513	\$ 0.00061	13.50
Martin County Water District	\$ 0.00452	\$ 0.00513	\$ 0.00061	13.50
Jenkins Utilities	\$ 0.00452	\$ 0.00513	\$ 0.00061	13.50

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, the increase in a customer's monthly bill will be:

Customer	Average Usage (gals)	Monthly Bill Current Rate	Monthly Bill Proposed Rate	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Retail Customers by Meter Size:					
5/8-x 3/4-Inch Meter	3,117	\$ 44.77	\$ 54.80	\$ 10.03	22.40
1-Inch Meter	9,575	\$ 122.51	\$ 158.58	\$ 36.07	29.44
2-Inch Meter	33,182	\$ 407.00	\$ 537.85	\$ 130.85	32.15
3-Inch Meter	57,592	\$ 760.15	\$ 943.48	\$ 183.43	24.13
4-Inch Meter	134,404	\$ 1,668.82	\$ 2,125.76	\$ 456.94	27.38
6-Inch Meter	49,943	\$ 762.14	\$ 1,028.85	\$ 266.71	34.99
Multiple Family Dwellings (Per Unit)	3,026	\$ 43.73	\$ 53.46	\$ 9.73	22.26
Wholesale Customers:					
City of Elkhorn	5,118,583	\$23,136.00	\$26,258.33	\$3,122.34	13.50
Mingo County Public Service Dist.	169,200	\$ 764.78	\$ 868.00	\$ 103.21	13.50
Martin County Water Dist.	0				
Jenkins Utilities	0				

Mountain Water District further proposes to increase the amount of a deposit required to secure a residential account from \$75.00 to \$114.00, an increase of \$39.00 or 52 percent, and a deposit required to secure a commercial account from \$150.00 to \$190.00, an increase of \$40.00 or 26.67 percent.

Unless suspended by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the proposed rates and proposed adjustments to account deposit requirements will take effect on December 10, 2025.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has established Case No. 2025-00327 to review Mountain Water District's application. Any person may examine this application at Mountain Water District's office, Mountain Water District, 6332 Zebulon Highway, Pikeville, Kentucky or at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's Web site at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2025-327>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission through the Commission's Web Site at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/SearchCasesPublicComments> or by e-mail to psced@ky.gov or by mail to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Mountain Water District. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the person's status and interest. If the Kentucky Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of notice, it may take final action on the proposed rates.

Mountain Water District
First Publication Date: November 7, 2025

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