

OPINION

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER
A Facebook Face



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Social media platforms are global and can be used for good but they can also be harmful for some people. I have had an account on Facebook for over 16 years and it has been a good experience but I have also seen evil workings lurking as wisdom must be applied on social media. Great deceit is a face mask on there as well. I know some of you out there have witnessed or heard of bad situations. A very precious friend of mine who in her 70's was

befriended by a woman in another State that ended up being quite the con artist as this shameful woman played such a perfect friendly role and would check in on my friend everyday acting as if she cared for her well-being and all she was doing was collecting information and establishing a trusting relationship then she began shifting into a very needy person and baiting my friend through manipulations and sadly my friend took the bait. My precious friend was a single woman with no children and was financially in a good position. The con artist traveled to my friend's

home in Missouri for a weekend to win my friend over and soon after she started hinting that she needed money and my friend took it hook line and sinker and at the end of the friendship it ended up costing my innocent friend over \$20,000.00. God used me at different times to warn my friend about this woman as I never trusted her from day one but she would not listen to wise council instead she bought the crazy lies of the con artist and after everything was done my friend apologized to me and wished that she would have heeded the words that I spoke to her.

I have wondered at times how many people on social media platforms are taken advantage of out of loneliness and grave deceptions. It's horribly sad to see as many seniors are targeted! Be aware and stay on guard. Remember, many faces on Facebook are just a face and can be a mask of great darkness fusing evil motives of many destructive kinds. One day I was praying for another friend of mine and I called her as we had been Facebook friends for years and I noticed that I had not heard from her in a while so I called her and I was happy to hear from her but I noticed that she was troubled and she stated that she had made such a huge mistake by talking to supposedly a

gentleman from a foreign county who befriended her and they built a friendship over the internet and guess what happened next? This friend openly shared with me how she was so ashamed for allowing herself to be coned by this person on Facebook as she was taken for \$9,000.00. Both of my friends that had these unwanted circumstances happen to them were successful women who fell into a web of deceit. When I say con artist, I mean professional behaviors of hellish kind that are very charming and

charismatic who seek out a vulnerable and desperate people. Friend, may all of you use wisdom and stay alert and never fall into the traps of the faces on Facebook that lie wait to deceive. Never let your guard down. Don't allow social media to consume your time and life! Psalm 1:6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. KJV. Isaiah 3:11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. KJV

BREAD OF LIFE

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen. The way to God is through His son, Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16) You are God's precious creation and He longs for us to come to Him. In God's eyes everyone has value and worth. We must realize that we are God's creation and He loves us. He has given us a purpose and a plan for each of our lives. The Lord tells us in His word I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb (Jer-

emiah 1:5) He loves us with an everlasting love, therefore with loving-kindness He has drawn us (Jeremiah 31:3) Jesus Christ has made it possible for you and me to become accepted back into a place of fellowship with God. Our part is to accept the gift of His love. Jesus paid the price for our sins. It is up to each individual to receive that gift of salvation God has provided for us. If you want to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour pray this prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you now. I believe that Jesus Christ is your son that you sent to Earth. He was born of a virgin

and was crucified on a cross as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. I believe that Jesus is the one true sacrifice for my sins and the sins of all mankind. I believe Jesus was raised from the dead and He is alive and well, seated at your right hand in Heaven. I repent of my sins and choose to follow and obey Jesus Christ and accept Him as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus name I pray, Amen. Now get in a Bible Believing Church. Confess to people that you have accepted Jesus as Saviour and grow in faith.

TRUST, BELIEVE & OBEY GOD'S WORD

NOTICE

Heelstone Renewable Energy, LLC is proposing to develop, construct, own, and operate South Fork Solar, LLC, a 45-megawatt solar project located in Nicholas County, Kentucky. The proposed project will comprise approximately 250 acres near Carpenter Pike Road and Miller Station Rd near the Nicholas County industrial park. The Project has been in development since 2021, awaiting its interconnection studies results during this period. The facility will consist of solar photovoltaic panels and the associated racking systems, electric equipment, project substation and transformer, and underground electrical connection lines.

The Project is required to file an application for construction and operation of the proposed facility. This application is subject to the approval of the Kentucky State Siting Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting, which can be reached at P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, or via phone at (502) 564-3940.

A person who wishes to become a party to a proceeding before the board may, by written motion filed no later than thirty (30) days after the application has been submitted, request leave to intervene. A party may, upon written motion filed no later than thirty (30) days after an application has been filed, request the board to schedule an evidentiary hearing at the offices of the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615.

A request for a local public hearing or local public information meeting shall be made by at least three (3) interested persons who reside in the county or municipal corporation in which the pipeline, plant, or transmission line is proposed to be located. The request shall be made in writing and shall be filed within thirty (30) days following the filing of a completed application. Any questions related to the application or its process may be directed to the Kentucky State Siting Board, which can be reached at P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, or via phone at (502) 564-3940.

If you have any questions for the Heelstone or South Fork Solar team, feel free to contact us www.southforksolarproject.com or cpaulsen@heelstoneenergy.com.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT

ORDINANCE NO. September – 2026 – 18-01

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A ONE YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND OPERATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AS REFERENCED IN ORDINANCE 06-2024 SOLAR WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT

WHEREAS, the COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY has experienced increased interest in the development of solar energy systems within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, NICHOLAS COUNTY could be deemed an optimal location for the development of solar energy systems within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, solar energy systems may have a significant impact on infrastructure, energy consumption, land use and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, NICHOLAS COUNTY, KENTUCKY enacted a Solar Energy System Installation Requirements Ordinance on or about June 14, 2024.

WHEREAS, current ordinances and regulations in NICHOLAS COUNTY may or may not adequately address the demands, unique characteristics and potential cumulative effects of solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, the NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT deems it necessary to evaluate existing policies, infrastructure capacity, and long-term planning objective regarding solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, the NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT has the power to impose a temporary moratorium to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I – Moratorium Imposed

A moratorium is hereby imposed on the construction, development, and operation of solar systems of any size as referenced in existing ordinance, within the jurisdiction of the NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT for a period of one year effective from the date of this ordinance.

SECTION II – Purpose

The purpose of this moratorium is to allow the Nicholas County Judge Executive, magistrates, consultants, and relative stakeholders the opportunity to fully consider the environmental impacts utility capacity, economic benefits for the community, and best practices from other jurisdictions of similar size and development and review and update local policies, regulations, and standards for solar energy development.

SECTION III – Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the second reading and adoption by the NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT.

FIRST READING: September 11, 2026

SECOND READING: September 18, 2026

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE: Steve Hamilton

FISCAL COURT CLERK: Dawn Letcher

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NOTICE OF FILING OF REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NEED (“CPCN”) FOR A FEDERALLY APPROVED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PROPOSED RATE INCREASE CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OF HARRISON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.’S CUSTOMERS PURSUANT TO KRS 278.023 AND 807 KAR 5:069

All customers of the Harrison County Water Association, Inc., which serves the majority of Harrison County, parts of: Scott County, Bourbon County, Pendleton County, and Nicholas County, Kentucky, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

The Harrison County Water Association, Inc. (“HCWA”) is filing a request for KY PSC approval of a CPCN for a federally approved improvement project and approval of a proposed rate increase request with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, pursuant to KRS. 278.023 AND 807 KAR 5:069, to implement a federally funded construction project to extend KY 353 main distribution line and to replace US 27 main distribution lines of the Harrison County Water Association, Inc., and pursuant to such requests, states as follows:

Therefore, pursuant to resolution and approved motion of the Board of Directors on or about September 16, 2026; The Harrison County Water Association, Inc., is requesting increases (exact percentages stated and dollar amounts stated), in all minimum monthly bills and all purchases over the minimum monthly billing usage, of each customer’s purchased water and/or used for each of its customers. The proposed increase for each category of meters and/or meter class, minimum purchase/use amounts and purchase/use amounts proposed for increases are stated below.

HCWA has proposed the effective date to be beginning with the October 13, 2026 billing period, which ends November 12, 2026, and which will be billed in December 2026, with a due date of December 17, 2026, and the proposed rates or the approved rate by KY PSC, will remain in effect thereafter, until further rate proceedings are approved in the future.

(The current rate is reflected in the chart with the new proposed rate)

THIS RATE DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PASS-THROUGH FEES/TAXES IMPOSED BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS TAXES, FEES, 911 SURCHAGES, ETC.

A) 5/8 inch x ¾ inch meter

CURRENT RATE

First 2,000 gallons	\$23.55 minimum bill
Next 1,000 gallons	\$0.0093232 p/ gallon
Next 2,000 gallons	\$0.0091332 p/ gallon
Next 45,000 gallons	\$0.0085732 p/ gallon
Over 50,000.00 gallons	\$0.0075932 p/ gallon

PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

First 2,000 gallons	\$31.21 min. bill
Next 1,000 gallons	\$0.01237 p/ gallon
Next 2,000 gallons	\$0.01212 p/ gallon
Next 45,000 gallons	\$0.01138 p/ gallon
Over 50,000.00 gallons	\$0.01009 p/ gallon

Percentage change

0.3252654
0.3300153
0.3270267
0.3273923
0.3288205

Dollar change

\$7.66
\$0.0030468
\$0.0029868
\$0.0028068
\$0.0024968

B) ¾ inch Meter

CURRENT RATE

First 3,000 gallons	\$33.22 minimum bill
Next 2,000 gallons	\$0.0091332 p/ gallon
Next 45,000 gallons	\$0.0085732 p/ gallon
Over 50,000 gallons	\$0.0075932 p/ gallon

PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

First 3,000 gallons	\$44.04 minimum bill
Next 2,000 gallons	\$0.01212 p/ gallon
Next 45,000 gallons	\$0.01138 p/ gallon
Over 50,000 gallons	\$0.01009 p/ gallon

Percentage change

0.3257074
0.3270267
0.3273923
0.3288205

Dollar change

\$10.82
\$0.0029868
\$0.0028068
\$0.0024968

C) 1 inch meter

CURRENT RATE

First 5,000 gallons	\$51.15 minimum bill
Next 45,000 gallons	\$0.0085732 p/ gallon
Over \$50,000 gallons	\$0.0075932 p/ gallon

PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

First 5,000 gallons	\$66.64 minimum bill
Next 45,000 gallons	\$0.01138 p/ gallon
Over \$50,000 gallons	\$0.01009 p/ gallon

Percentage change

0.3028348
0.3273923
0.3288205

Dollar change

\$15.49
\$0.0028068
\$0.0024968

D) 1 ½ inch meter

CURRENT RATE

First 10,000 gallons	\$93.97 minimum bill
Next 40,000 gallons	\$0.0084732 p/ gallon
Over 50,000 gallons	\$0.0075932 p/ gallon

PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

First 10,000 gallons	\$124.65 minimum bill
Next 40,000 gallons	\$0.01138 p/ gallon
Over 50,000 gallons	\$0.01009 p/ gallon

Percentage change

0.3264872
0. 0.3273923
0. 0.3288205

Dollar change

\$30.68
\$0.0028068
\$0.0024968

E) 2 inch meter

CURRENT RATES

First 15,000 gallons	\$136.76 minimum bill
Next 35,000 gallons	\$0.0085732 p/ gallon
Over 50,000 gallons	\$0.0075932 p/ gallon

PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

First 15,000 gallons	\$181.44 minimum bill
Next 35,000 gallons	\$0.01138 per gallon
Over 50,000 gallons	\$0.01009 per gallon

Percentage change

0.3267037
0.3273923
0.3288205

Dollar change

\$44.68
\$0.0028068
\$0.0024968

The average usage of gallons for each class is stated below, wherein, the average bill (and does not include 911 fees, utility taxes or other pass through taxes) for each meter classification at current rate and proposed increased rates with dollar change and percentage change are stated as follows:

- a) ¾ x 5/8 meter, has an average monthly usage of 4400 gallons, with a current average bill of \$45.66. The proposed rate increase on the same average usage for the same meter category would increase \$14.89, for a total bill of \$60.55 a month, a percentage change of 0.3261060;
- b) ¾ Inch meter, has an average monthly usage of 972 gallons, with an average monthly bill of \$33.22. The proposed rate increase on the same average usage for the same meter category would increase \$10.82, for a total bill of \$44.04 a month, a percentage change of 0.3257074;
- c) 1 inch meter, has an average usage of 10,066 gallons, with an average monthly bill of \$94.58. The proposed rate increase on the same average usage for the same meter category would increase \$29.71, for a total bill of \$124.29 a month, a percentage change of 0.3141256;
- d) 1 ½ inch meter, has an average usage of 7000 gallons, with an average monthly bill of \$93.97. The proposed rate increase on the same average usage for the same meter category would increase \$30.68 for a total bill of \$124.65 a month, a percentage change of 0.3264872;
- e) 2 inch meter, has an average usage of 21,406 gallons, with an average monthly bill of \$183.11. The proposed rate increase on the same average usage for the same meter category would increase \$59.85, for a total bill of \$242.96 a month, a percentage change of 0.3268527.

These proposed rate changes do not include pass through fees and taxes imposed by applicable local and/or state government.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT IMPROVEMENT: The loan and increased water rates are to pay for the costs of replacement of main water distribution line on US 27 of approximately 3 miles and to extend KY 353 water service distribution line for over a mile.

A copy of the application of the Harrison County Water Association, Inc., requesting approval of KY PSC for a CPCN and approval of increased water rates, pursuant to KRS 278.023 and 807 KAR 5:069, to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, can be obtained by request to the office staff of the Harrison County Water Association, Inc. during normal business hours and days of operation, which is located at 433 Sea Biscuit Way, Cynthia Kentucky, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or on its website (notice section. www.harrisoncountyywaterky.nextbillpayonline.com). Additionally, a copy of the application can be examined at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's office, located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

All comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>, or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. The proposed rates herein for all rate classifications are required under the terms of an agreement (loan application) between HCWA and USDA-Rural Development, and that KRS 278.023 does not grant the Public Service Commission any discretionary authority to modify or reject any portion of the agreement between USDA-Rural Development and HCWA, or to defer the issuance of all necessary orders to implement the terms of that agreement.

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