

OPINIONS

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

I'm continuing with my historical research into matters surrounding the June , 1780, attack and subsequent surrendering of several hundred Kentucky militias soldier and their families from John Martin's blockhouse, (in present-day Bourbon County, on Stoner Creek, which was joined by several small cabins and named Martin's Station:. A neighboring station, located four miles away called Captain, Isaac Ruddelle's Station. Originally built by avid fron-

tiersman, John Martin in 1775, had been abandoned after 1776 due to the threat of attack from Native Americans. The station was re-occupied by Captain Ruddelle in 1779 when other settlements were overcrowded, Ruddelle's Station (in present-day Harrison County) was home to many British sympathizers or Tories, as they were called. Debate on the loyalties and the degree of those loyalties, of the frontier families of Kentucky Stations can be endless. It is believed there were approximately 350 people at Ruddelle's, with another 50-60 at Martin's and about 40 at another small stockade blockhouse with cabins and which was known as Captain, John Grant's Station. Grant's Station was located in present-day Bourbon County. Ruddelle's Station was

the first settlement to be attacked, with hostilities going on for several hours until a British 6-pound cannon was dragged onto the field of battle to join the continuous fire from two smaller, two-pound guns.. After two shots from the six-pounder, which seemed to do the trick on destroying the stockade, as well as the moral of the occupants of the station, the families in an overwhelming majority voted to surrender. When the fort gates were opened, chaos turned especially deadly. Although Colonel Byrd had promised Captain Ruddelle and other officers that they would be treated kindly, the opposite occurred and children were snatched from their mother's instantly, with children and mothers sometimes killed if they resisted. It was a pitiful scene indeed and one Colonel

Byrd could not control until he threatened to abandon the invasion on the spot. The chiefs and Sachems of the various Native Tribes finally promised to gain control of their warriors and Byrd ordered the force onward to Martin's Station. The occupants of Martin's Station could hear the gunfire and cannon fire at Ruddelle's and they surrendered without a struggle or even a shot being fired. It had been Simon Girty who had carried a white flag into shot range and he led negotiation s at the locations. Girty and his brothers have been branded as traitors and there can be little doubt that their loyalties were strongly in line with British and Native interests. Two Kentucky frontiersmen, Alexander McKee and Matthew

Elliot acted as sub commanders to Girty and high-ranking war chiefs, like Blackfish and Mol-untha. From Fort Detroit, they joined Colonel, Henry Bird, who led the enemy force of 600 men, accompanied by a 150 soldiers and militiamen (Regulars of the 8th and 47th Regiments, Detroit Militia and bombardiers of the Royal Regiment of Artillery), against the settlers of Kentucky in June 1780. A small force of warriors attacked Grant's Station, burning the fort and killing two men of the Stucker family and one woman, named Mitchell who had married a Stucker were killed at Grant's Station and hunters from other stations who were found by the enemy British and Native Force were attacked also. James Beath, a lead-

er of the Captain, John Strode's Station located in the region, was captured after being wounded in the arm with a small hunting expedition of other Strode's Station men who were hunting near Blue Licks Springs. With as many as 10 clans and tribes of Native Americans dividing up the prisoners from Ruddelle's Station and the British taking custody of the former inhabitants of Martin's Kentuckians were scattered northward over a vast region. We still are missing many names of inhabitants who were marched north and simply vanished from the historical record. If the Good Lord is willing, we will see if we can't identify a few of those fine folks and provide more details to this fascinating segment of our history.

COMMUNITY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00021
ELECTRONICALLY FILED

ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF
MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & LEGATEES
OF CYNTHIA NESBITT, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

In obedience to an Order of Sale entered on the 9th day of January, 2025, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025
FAMILY COURT ROOM
2ND FLOOR, FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AT 10:00 A.M.

to sell the real estate located at 770 Hall Rd., Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky 41041. This property is described in a Deed of record in Deed Book 200, Page 258, Fleming County Clerk's Office, with the PVA calling for 1 Acre, including a 1989 28 x 60 mobile home. Parcel Mapping number: 072-20-00-008.00.

This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$3,440.62, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 6% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2025 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.

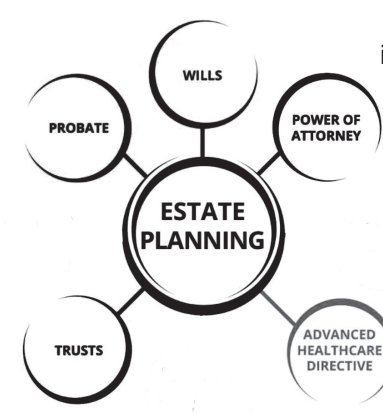
Buyer is advised to have a title search completed on the property and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. The purchasers will be required to have any persons evicted or property removed from the premises. The sale is subject to any terms and conditions that may be announced on the day of sale.

JOHN C. PRICE
MASTER COMMISSIONER
FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT

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Tara Helms and Denise Pollock with Community Trust Bank were present and provided information on some of the most common forms of fraud they are currently encountering and provided information to citizens on how to best protect yourself from becoming a victim of these type of crimes. Pictured l-r, Marvin Suit, Denise Pollock, Tara Helms, Brian Clark, Joni Hazelrigg and Terry Ishmael.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan ("2025 Plan"). (Collectively, KU's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU's "tariff filing.") If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU's tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.