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Barbara Rathbun  
City of Barnard  
227 Hart  
Barnard, KS 67418

Dear Barbara,

This letter is in regard to the rate review conducted for the City of Barnard.

Presently the City of Barnard purchases water from Mitchell RWD 3 at a cost of \$5.00 per thousand gallons. You mentioned the district will soon increase the charge to \$6.25 per thousand. The city presently charges \$15 for the monthly minimum, which includes 2,000 gallons of water and then charges \$6.00 per thousand for all water use in excess of 2,000 gallons.

You indicated that the city typically charges residents \$1 per thousand above the cost of the water purchase price. Suggests the city will need to increase the selling price of water to \$7.25 per thousand. KRWA would suggest also removing the 2,000 gallons with the monthly minimum or at least reducing the allowable water to 1,000 gallons with the payment of the monthly minimum.

In 2008 the city had a revenue surplus of \$3,227. In 2009 the revenue surplus was only \$1,555. This is not much to cover the cost of leak repair or any other problem that may occur. The city could potentially generate revenues of \$4,872 if the use allowed with the monthly minimum were reduced to 1,000 gallons and then impose a fee of \$7.25 for all water used in excess of 1,000 gallons.

Please let us know if KRWA can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Greg Duryea  
Technical Assistant

c: David Abell, Mayor