

September 13, 2011

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Senator Mark Norris  
9A Legislative Plaza  
Nashville, TN 37243-0232

**RE: Election of Board Members of Utilities in Lawrence County, Tennessee**

Dear Senator Norris:

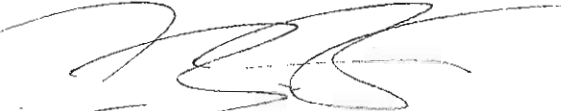
It is my understanding that at the recent hearing that you and your committee held in Nashville, you asked what the feelings of the Utility Districts not represented at that hearing might be concerning the election of Board Members for Utility Districts in Lawrence County.

Our law firm is honored to represent the following Utility Districts in Lawrence County: Fall River Road Utility District, Northeast Lawrence Utility District, Leoma Utility District, Summertown Utility District, West Point Utility District, and Iron City Utility District. I have spoken with each of those Boards in an attempt to get a response to your question and can report to you that the unanimous opinion of the Members of the Boards of the above named Utility Districts are that Board Members should not be elected in Lawrence County. The Board Members believe that the current method of selection of Board Members is far superior and significantly less expensive than attempting to have an election for the position.

If I can be of further benefit to you, I look forward to the opportunity.

Very truly yours,

HARWELL, PLANT & WILLIAMS



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