

# ORIGINAL NEW APPLICATION



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*Ashcreek Water Co*

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Ashcreek Water Company requests a moratorium on new connections to the Ashcreek Water Company System.

**Reason:** Ashcreek Water Company has an outstanding NOV that includes inability to maintain pressure during periods of peak use. To remedy this, Ashcreek Water Company has filed a Rate Case and a Financing Application--to build storage and other improvements sufficient to supply the system for the foreseeable future and finance the construction. These filings are Docket # W-02494A-06-0561 and W-02494A-06-0562 and are tentatively scheduled for the May 8 and May 9, 2007 Commission's Working Session and Open Meeting. After resolution of these Dockets, the construction process will delay meaningful remedy until at the earliest, Fall of 2007, well past the periods of peak use common in the summer months.

Present Customers of Ashcreek Water Company are already experiencing brief periods of low pressure, and for some customers complete outages. To add additional users would compound the problem. There is no present remedy, but a moratorium on additional customers would avoid making the problem worse.

**Duration:** The duration of this request should be tied to construction progress--specifically to the construction of water storage and larger well transmission lines--which we expect to be authorized by the commission at the scheduled hearing, and are a part of the Financing Application. The construction process at best will be completed in the Fall of 2007

**Corrective Action:** Corrective Action would be (1) to install larger well transmission lines, allowing a greater flow of water into the system, (2) install a storage tank allowing additional water to be available during periods of peak use, and (3) test pump the primary well to determine if it can maintain a large pumping flow to replenish the system more quickly. These improvements are planned and part of the Dockets above.

**Water Use Data:**

Water Use Data Sheet from 2005 Annual Report is Attached.

Additional Information:	2005	
	Average usage	9,020 gallons per mo.
	Median usage	5,750 gallons per mo.
	Usage per day, January	168 gallons per customer
	Usage per day, June	538 gallons per customer
	Average usage per day	294 gallons per customer
	Average Customers in Rate Filing, 2005	83
	Present Customers 2007	91

Graham County is experiencing rapid growth at the present time. The number of customers, if unchecked by a moratorium will be increasing rapidly. Ashcreek Water Company presently has inquiries for 63 additional connections which would overwhelm system capacity. An immediate moratorium is prudent and necessary.

Very truly yours,



Bevan Barney, Interim Manager  
Ashcreek Water Company

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COMPANY NAME: ASH CREEK WATER COMPANY

**WATER USE DATA SHEET BY MONTH FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005**

MONTH	NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	GALLONS SOLD	GALLON PUMPED (Thousands)
JANUARY	84	542890	
FEBRUARY	86	460910	
MARCH	85	1004160	
APRIL	82	816710	
MAY	87	918970	
JUNE	87	1400800	
JULY	87	1008850	
AUGUST	85	986480	
SEPTEMBER	82	690180	
OCTOBER	82	737730	
NOVEMBER	85	635560	
DECEMBER	85	488870	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,692,110</b>	

**Is the Water Utility located in an ADWR Active Management Area (AMA)?**

Yes                       No

**Does the Company have an ADWR Gallons Per Capita Per Day (GPCPD) requirement?**

Yes                       No

**If yes, provide the GPCPD amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the level of arsenic for each well on your system.** \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l  
*(If more than one well, please list each separately.)*

**Note: If you are filing for more than one system, please provide separate data sheets for each system.**