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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees
 Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Roane County Clerk's Office at 200 Main Street Spencer, WV 25276-1411. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Roane County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024
 Claim Deadline: Monday, March 4, 2024

Estate Number: 2488
 Appointment Date: 12/28/2023
 Estate Name: Donald H Bessinger
 Executrix: Frankie S Bessinger
 634 Triplett Road
 Spencer WV 25276-8502
 2478

Estate Number: 2478
 Appointment Date: 12/04/2023
 Estate Name: Nancy Lynn Kuhn Bright
 Ancillary Administrator: Melissa J Cox
 601 Chandamere Way
 Nicholasville KY 40356-2583
 2485

Estate Number: 2485
 Appointment Date: 12/19/2023
 Estate Name: Joseph Cordeiro Sr
 Executor: William Joseph Cordeiro
 1100 Traverser Dr.
 Sandstone VA 23150-3614
 2481

Estate Number: 2481
 Appointment Date: 12/18/2023
 Estate Name: Richard K Elliott
 Executor: Jason L Elliott
 123 Park Ave
 Spencer WV 25276-1915
 2486

Estate Number: 2486
 Appointment Date: 12/20/2023
 Estate Name: Kelvin Neal (Torch) Greathouse
 Administratrix: Linda Greathouse
 110 Summit Street
 Spencer WV 25276-1120
 2426

Estate Number: 2426
 Appointment Date: 12/27/2023
 Estate Name: Russell Scott Hosler
 Ancillary Administrator: Stella Hosler
 5115 Jumper Street
 Cocoa FL 32927-9243
 2473

Estate Number: 2473
 Appointment Date: 11/08/2023
 Estate Name: Kermit Stewart Hyre
 Ancillary Administrator: Karen S Hyre
 102 Crosstree Drive, N
 Hilton Head Island SC 29926-5217
 2480

Estate Number: 2480
 Appointment Date: 12/07/2023
 Estate Name: Ronzel D Jarvis
 Executor: Jackie Jarvis
 54 Rush Creek Road
 Spencer WV 25276-9218
 2262

Estate Number: 2262
 Appointment Date: 10/20/2022
 Estate Name: Anna Marlene Jones
 Executrix: Linda K Ashley
 109 Cunningham Lane
 Walton WV 25286-8605
 2484

Estate Number: 2484
 Appointment Date: 12/18/2023
 Estate Name: Brice Neil Kiser Jr
 Administratrix: Katherine Kiser
 193 Swede Road
 Gandeenville WV 25243-8823
 2479

Estate Number: 2479
 Appointment Date: 12/01/2023
 Estate Name: Sharon June Mullins
 Executor: Ronnie Mullins
 1157 Big Pigeon Road
 Amma WV 25005

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/28/2023

Sena M. McDonald
 Clerk of the Roane County Commission
 By Lynn Webb
 Deputy Clerk

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IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF ROANE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
NOTICE OF ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE WITHOUT APPOINTMENT (INTESTATE)

The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Roane County does hereby give NOTICE that, pursuant to the provision s of West Virginia Code § 44-1-4(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows:
 Publication Date: 01/04/2024
 Claim Deadline: 03/04/2024
 The following named decedent(s), dates of death and addresses are:
DECEDENT: Kevin Mark Harper, 24 Fort Argyle Ct., Savannah, GA 31419
 Robert Lee Harper, 37 Fort Argyle Ct., Savannah, GA 31419
 James Roger Harper, 12 Greenfield Rd., Montgomery, IL 60538
AFFIANT: David O. Harper
AFFIANTS ADDRESS: 5417 Thorofare Road, Clendenin, WV 25045
 The decedent died owning real estate situate in the State of West Virginia. As reported in the affidavit filed herein, (a) the decedent has left no will as far as is known; (b) no will of the decedent has been presented or probated in this State or in any other jurisdiction; and (c) more than sixty days have passed since the death of the decedent and no personal representative or administrator of the decedent's estate has been otherwise appointed in the State of West Virginia for any proper purpose.

2. The County Commission before whom the affidavit has been filed is the County Commission of Roane County, with Mailing addressed of 200 Main Street, Spencer, WV 25276

3. Any interested person objecting to the filing of the affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person by the person filing the Notice, whichever is later. NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IF AN OBJECTION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, THE OBJECTION IS FOREVER BARRED AND THAT THE ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE OF THE ABOVE DECEDENT SHALL BE DEEMED FINAL AND COMPLETE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW.

ENTER THIS 14th DAY OF December, 2023.

Sena M. McDonald
 Clerk of the Roane County Commission

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0843-G-PC
 HOPE GAS, INC., STANDARD GAS COMPANY, and BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.
 Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Standard Gas Company and Bazzle Gas Company, Inc.

NOTICE OF FILING

On October 27, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope), Standard Gas Company (Standard), and Bazzle Gas Company (Bazzle) (jointly, petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which Hope would acquire certain assets of Standard and Bazzle used to provide gas utility service. Standard and Bazzle currently

provide natural gas sales service to approximately 460 customers in Lewis and Braxton Counties, West Virginia.

In the Joint Petition, Hope, Standard, and Bazzle assert that the acquisition transaction will have no adverse effect on their customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Following the transaction, the assets acquired will be owned and operated by Hope, subject to the Commission's continuing jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the acquisition, the Customers will become customers of Hope.

Upon the closing of the Transaction, the Standard customers will continue to pay Standard's existing base rates, purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rate, and a Legacy Surcharge rate increment, which surcharge equates to Hope's pipeline replacement and expansion (PREP) rate increment, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	(%)
Residential	\$13.35	21.37%
Commercial	\$25.87	17.23%

The Bazzle customers will pay Hope's existing rates, PGA rate and the Legacy Surcharge, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Bazzle customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	(%)
Residential	\$60.60	170.56%

Hope proposes that the Standard customers will eventually pay the Hope base rates plus PGA rates and Legacy Surcharge as those rates change from time to time. If the Standard customers were immediately charged the Hope base rates, the current Hope PGA rate, and the current Legacy Surcharge rate, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the transaction would be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	(%)
Residential	\$28.79	46.08%
Commercial	\$64.85	43.19%

The Commission schedules this matter for evidentiary hearing to be held on February 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. and continuing to February 22, 2024, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should be able to view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. In lieu of an in-person public comment hearing, the Commission will receive public comments online and by mail or hand delivery to the Executive Secretary's Office. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast."

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than thirty (30) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Executive Secretary at the address listed above.

In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Joint Petition based on the Commission's review of the evidence submitted with the Joint Petition.

HOPE GAS, INC.
 STANDARD GAS COMPANY, and
 BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (Liberty United Methodist Church)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after January 4, 2024 QUITCLAIM, GRANT AND CONVEY to Daniel R. Whited, all of their right, title, and interest, in two certain lots or parcels of land in the District of Smithfield, Roane County, West Virginia, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE

Beginning at a chestnut standing below the Spencer and Looneyville Road and running thence in a North East direction crossing said road five poles to a chestnut thence North West Sixteen poles to an other chestnut standing in the line between the farms of said Post and Pritchard thence running with said line in a South West course crossing said road six poles to an other chestnut thence in South East direction nine poles to a stake on the W.O. Bush thence continuing the same direction 4 poles to the beginning containing ½ acres be the same more or less.

PARCEL TWO

BEGINNING at a chestnut in a line between said Post and Pritchard and running thence in a North West direction Eleven poles to a chestnut, by the said roadside, thence North East direction crossing said Road 4 ½ poles to a Chestnut, thence South East, 6 ½ poles to an other chestnut standing in said line, thence with said line a South West direction crossing said road 7 ½ poles to the place of beginning, containing 66 poles, more or less.

And being the same property conveyed from J. E. Post et ux and E. R. Pritchard et ux to Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church House known as the Liberty Church of the M. E. Church by Deed dated July 18, 1891 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Roane County, West Virginia in Deed Book 19, at Page 425, reference to which is hereby made.

SAID Liberty United Methodist Church was declared closed effective October 17, 2023 by a vote of a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Dated the 12th day of December, 2023.
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By: Robert N. File, Chancellor
 130 Main Street
 Beckley, West Virginia 25801
 (304) 253-3358

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROANE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN RE: JUVENILE CASE NO: 23-JA-97 J.S (D.O.B. 11/19/2023) Infant Respondent; Hon. R. Craig Tatterson To the above named Adult Respondent

Avenue, Spencer, WV 25276 to the **Roane County Library**, located at 110 Parking Plaza, Spencer, WV 25276.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 16

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to WV Code§3-1-7(b), that the County Commission of Roane County, West Virginia, proposes, at a Regular Session to be held at the Roane County Courthouse on the 25th day of January, 2024 at 10:00a.m.to make and enter an Order relating to the following change of voting precinct located in Roane County, West Virginia: Polling place for **Precinct 16** will be changed from the Clover PSD Building, located at 3369 Clay Road, Spencer, WV 25276 to the **Clover Fire Department**, located at 3910 Clay

Road, Spencer, WV 25276.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 15

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to WV Code§3-1-7(b), that the County Commission of Roane County, West Virginia, proposes, at a Regular Session to be held at the Roane County Courthouse on the 25th day of January, 2024 at 10:00a.m.to make and enter an Order relating to the following change of voting precinct located in Roane County, West Virginia: Polling place for **Precinct 15** will be changed from the Linden Lodge, located at 1841 Linden Road, Looneyville, WV 25259 to the **Hays Fork Community Church**, located at 3761 Tariff Road, Looneyville, WV 25259. 2t 12/28/23-1/5/24 B

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He should be gone, not her, he thought.

He made a new will. He wanted to do something to perpetuate her memory, to devote some of the material blessings he and she had worked together to accumulate over the years to benefit others and keep on benefitting others. This is where his abiding fondness for their old college came in, as well as a deep appreciation for his physician, Dr. Jim Hughes, and the many doctors who have kept him alive and, with some future technology, might have kept Margaret alive. In that will, he set up a scholarship in Margaret's memory for medical students at Marshall University School of Medicine, with preference to be given to students from Roane and Jackson counties.

Charles spent long periods of time reading and re-reading his will. The language that expressed the purpose of the scholarship and recited his and Margaret's lifetime partnership in accumulating the funds that would be used was particularly moving to him. It seemed that in his loneliness he might have even looked forward to the event that would probate this will and bring this scholarship about.

Then another approach occurred to him: Why not endow the scholarship right now? He could set it up in Margaret's name and see the first recipient embark on a medical education. He might even live to see doctors practicing who got their schooling from Margaret's scholarship. The officials at Marshall, of course, were happy to cooperate.

Margaret's first medical student was Misty Trent, from Princeton, W.Va. Dr. Trent is now a pediatrics resident. The Marshall School of Medicine then dedicated the technology learning center to Margaret. The plaque in the center recites from his will: "To devote a measure of our labors in this life to the health, healing and well-being of future generations."

Charles now found himself with new and urgent meaning and purpose in his life. He intensified his study of the stock market and the fine-tuning of his stock portfolio, which grew at an amazing rate, all for the purpose of making gifts for worthwhile purposes in memory of Margaret. He also worked with Paul Hughes in endowing in Margaret's name new college scholarships for the Roane County High School Scholarship Foundation. Stacy Buchanan of

Spencer is the first recipient of Margaret's college scholarship and is a student in physical therapy at West Virginia University.

On a typical day, Charles sits in his motorized wheelchair or in an easy chair, a huge picture window at his back opening onto his yard, the highway and, and, beyond, the steep wooded hillside of his farm, where somewhere Margaret's faithful old horse Jasper is feebly enjoying his retirement. Charles has a tablet before him with columns and rows of figures for his stocks, his puts and calls and prices and dates. Perhaps he has his stockbroker in Huntington on the phone. On certain days each week, Arietia Halcomb is there, discussing each decision with him. She was his secretary for many years and is like a daughter to him. He has taught her a great deal about the stock market. She has come to know as much as Charles about stocks and bonds and the stock market.

Charles has formed a trust for distributing the money he makes for charitable purposes in Margaret's name. As he protects and grows a portfolio of many thousands of dollars, his elbow shines through a large ragged hole in his shirtsleeve. He doesn't notice, or care. His money isn't for him. It's for gifts, for Margaret's memory.

This year, incidentally [2000], the first Roane Countian is in medical school at Marshall on the Margaret Ruth Lewellen Lewis Scholarship. Anthony Todd Arnott is going to be a doctor. Some day he and Misty Trent and other students yet to come will preserve the lives and health of others. Margaret Lewis will have had a hand in preserving those lives. Her husband works hard every day, in his easy chair, with his tablet and telephone, with the CNN stock quotes on his television before him, in tattered shirt and trousers, for scholarships, for charitable gifts, for his trust, for love and charity, and, above all, for Margaret. He considers himself richly blest.

 Charles Lewis is gone now, but his gifts have continued to enhance, even in some cases save, lives of many who will never have any idea of the beneficial effect of his planning and love of his fellow sojourners in this world and especially his beloved wife.

I hope to tell you that story soon.
 I wish a happy, prosperous and safe New Year to you and yours.

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