



Dayton files counterclaim in Montgomery County water lawsuit

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The City of Dayton today filed a counterclaim against Montgomery County in its lawsuit related to the 2018 water supply agreement.

City of Dayton Law Director Barbara Doseck issued the following statement regarding the counterclaim:

We have fully complied with the water agreement in good faith. Our significant investments in infrastructure and ongoing efforts to maintain high-quality water come at a cost, and we have dedicated substantial resources to upholding our responsibilities under the agreement.

In contrast, as outlined in our answer and counterclaim, the County has failed to meet its obligations. They have not invested in the necessary infrastructure, have neglected to attend critical meetings with appropriate staff, and have not effectively managed their water loss—leading to higher costs for everyone. Furthermore, the County charges its residents significantly more for water than we charge the County while consuming 57% of the water we produce and paying only 41% of the cost. Any further reduction in the County's costs would unfairly shift the financial burden onto city residents, which we will not allow.

While we have operated as a good partner, we will not allow the County's allegations to go unanswered. As a result of County's allegations, the City must now zealously defend its position.

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