203 Briarwood Dr. Frankfort, KY 40601 February 7, 2006

Beth O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

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Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I recently received the enclosed letter from the Farmdale Development Corporation notifying me that they are requesting an increase in the sewer rates in my area. I have lived at this same address since 1983, and at that time, to the best of my recollection, the monthly rate was \$12. It has gradually increased over the years to the current \$19, which I consider a reasonable rate of increase.

Not only would the proposed new rate nearly double the current rate, but adding the proposed new surcharge would in effect make the new rate about *three and one-third times* the current rate for the unspecified period of time the surcharge would be in place. Such an increase is clearly unreasonable, and would be a hardship on customers. If an increase is necessary, it should be more in line with the normal rate of increase over the years, which could be plotted on a graph as a gradual slope. The proposed increase would cause a sudden spike in the graph, as if we had been ascending through foothills before suddenly running into the side of a mountain.

If there are extraordinary costs that appear to require a sudden sharp increase, I would ask to be assured that these costs are based on legitimate estimates by independent companies with no relation to the Farmdale Development Corporation.

Sincerely,

James I. Hurt

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