

October 14, 2010

Executive Director
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40602

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Re: Motion to Intervene

Dear Director:


I own a home located at 115 Lakepoint Ln., in New Concord, Kentucky, 42076. I only recently purchased this home, and it is not my primary residence. The home is serviced with water by the Center Ridge Water District, with office located at 69 Marguerite Blvd., New Concord, KY 42076.

I was recently apprised of the fact that the Center Ridge Water District has filed an application to increase its water rates, effective 11/15/2010. The proposed increase amounts to a 39.6% rate hike. I feel that this is an extreme increase for several reasons that I will list.

- Service is not metered so all customers pay the same regardless of actual usage.
- Many if not the majority of homes served by this District, are vacation and summer homes, with minimal usage in many months.
- It is my understanding that the Water District is privately owned, with no representation of its customers.
- Owner would be hard pressed to reveal how his expenses have risen 39.6% since the last increase in 2003.
- * ● In comparing costs of surrounding water districts, the Center Ridge District is already significantly higher in its rates. I have enclosed a copy of a bill from a friend who is served by Murray No. 2 Water District. This is a typical family of 4 residence. The bill for this residence is \$12.26 including taxes while I pay currently \$19.22 regardless of usage. If the rate increase is approved, I will pay \$26.84. This would be 54% higher for water between water districts that are 5 miles apart.

I intend to request a copy of the application and supporting documents from the utility owner, meanwhile I would like to adamantly file my opposition to this proposed rate increase. Should the Commission seriously consider granting this increase, then I would request that the utility be required to install meters and begin charging based on usage instead of a flat rate. I would be more than happy to bear the cost of the meter, should this requirement be considered.

Sincerely,


Tony Thompson

* I would use much less ~~more~~ ^{water} than this per month, because it is a weekend cabin. My minimum usage bill is currently \$19.22. Utility wants to raise to \$26.84.

Example #1

MURRAY NO. 2 WATER DISTRICT
 201 New Providence Road, Murray, KY 42071
 753-8061

A 10% Collection Charge Will Be Added If Not Paid On Or
 Before 10th of the Month
 Rates Furnished on Request.

CODE 681

METER READING - READ ON 9-11-10

PREVIOUS	PRESENT	USED	AMOUNT	
172500	175600	3100	11.90	WA
			.36	3% Tax
			12.26	Total
UNPAID				U.P.
SPECIAL SERVICES				S.S.
TOTAL				Total

When the Fire Dept. uses our hydrants, water becomes cloudy.
 Flush your cold water hydrant until clear.

NOTICE

DEXTER-ALMO HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT RATES

First 2,000 Gallons	11.61 Minimum Bill
Next 3,000 Gallons	4.18 per 1,000 Gallons
Next 5,000 Gallons	3.48 per 1,000 Gallons
Next 10,000 Gallons	3.18 per 1,000 Gallons
Over 20,000 Gallons	2.18 per 1,000 Gallons

Example #2.

This is a rate card from another water district in Calloway County.