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Re: Request for Intervention and Public Hearing: Case Number 2011-00039

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a member of the South Shore City Commission, I formally request a public hearing as soon as possible so members of the community can comment on the proposed Rate Increase for the South Shore Water Works

There is a great deal of interest in the community. Based on what I have gathered, the South Shore Water Works is proposing a 35% increase in our Water Bills.

It should be noted that our community consists of an aging population, many of which are on fixed incomes. While to some, this increase may be considered negligible, I can state for certain, that we have individuals who can barely afford their prescription medication. Many of our elderly often skip some medications because they simply cannot afford them. This proposed 35% increase will force many to have to choose between running water and much needed medical supplies.

I also expect the proposed rate increase will cause issues with municipal budgets, as well the businesses that operate here in our City. Our little City has been struggling with its budget problems for years.

I urge the Public Service Commission to hold a public hearing here in our City of South Shore, Kentucky so that the people of our community can be informed of the proposed increase.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request for public hearing and intervention. I look forward to the council's reply and my request for a public hearing.

Very Truly Yours:



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