

**From:** [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)  
**To:** [Carol Preece](#)  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00017 - Martin County Water District rates  
**Date:** Friday, July 19, 2019 2:01:00 PM

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**From:** Carol Preece <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2019 5:37 PM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Case # 2018-00017

Carol Preece  
4315 Blacklog Rd.  
Inez.Ky.41224  
606-298-0214



June 7th 2019

Case # 2018-00017

Dear PSC

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to you raising water rates for Martin Co Ky yet once again.

Since our last water increase it has impacted everyone living on a fixed income. I am a widow and have my daughter and her 3 children living with me and it's not easy.

I pray you consider not rising our water rates again because it hurts to pay just about everything I get each month for a big water bill among others each month.

Please I beg of you, consider not imposing another water hike for the people of Martin Co. Ky.

Respectfully,

Carol Preece

**From:** [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)  
**To:** [Clifford Keener](#)  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00017 - Martin County Water District rates  
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Dear Mr. & Ms. Keener:

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**From:** Clifford Keener <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 7:01 AM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Case #2018-00017

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing about water rates in Martin County. Our rate is already double the rate of other counties in Ky. And besides that we have to buy bottle water for drinking and cooking. By raising water rates anymore you are putting water in this county out of reach of some residents.

The residents of this county didn't cause the problems that Martin County Water is having and I don't think it is fair to keep raising rates.

Thank you: Clifford & Betty Keener

**From:** [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)  
**To:** [Jimmie Pack](#)  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00017 - Martin County Water District rates  
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**From:** Jimmie Pack <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 8:40 PM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Case 2018-00017

Honorable members,

I am writing again concerning the issues surrounding the Martin County Water District. Please consider bringing one (1) manager in rather than an outside company. The rate increase will force a lot of residents in an already poverty stricken County to shoulder the costs of either. I feel the lesser of the two costs would be a single outside manager. Get rid of the current management and hold past management criminally responsible for endangering the lives of customers that now chose between water, food and or medicine. The percentage of residents that live below the poverty rste is over 40 %. While in the past those in power and much of the so called elite did not pay a water bill. At the same time millions vanished without anyone held responsible. Things like this should have never happened, yet they did under your watch as the governing body the (PSC). PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO MINIMIZE THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN THAT IS BEING FORCED ON THE MOSTLY POOR AND ELDERLY.

Thank you,  
Jimmie Pack  
Warfield, KY 41267



**From:** [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)  
**To:** [Jacks Girl](#)  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00017 - Martin County Water District rates  
**Date:** Friday, July 19, 2019 1:55:00 PM

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Dear Ms. Gartin:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jacks Girl <>  
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 3:05 PM  
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
Subject: 2018-00017

Dear PSC or whom it may concern.  
Case number 2018-00017

I live in Martin County I have most all my life . . .and I do not trust the people running the county, therefore I don't trust that the water is safe to drink or bathe in. Our county is out of control. They are spending money they don't have in so many places. They keep trying to put the finical burdens on the people of this county. When instead they need to audit themselves to see where all of the money they get all ready is going.

They are going to kill this county with taxes and fees. Someone isn't doing what they should with the money that this county gets or they just need way more money that we can afford. It's time someone else inside the state steps in and takes over. I can not afford to keep paying higher and higher fees for water that I don't feel is safe to drink. PLEASE do not allow them the authority to just keep raising our prices.

You're going to force a lot of us to just go dig a well or buy all of our water elsewhere or just do without.

At the moment we're paying almost 50 dollars a month and still have to buy all of our drinking water, how is that right, and most of us fear that the water we are bathing in is not safe. We need help from Ran Paul or someone to come in and look things over. Someone we can trust to tell us the truth!!!

Sharon Gartin  
51716 Hode Road  
Warfield ky 41267





**From:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00017 - Martin County Water District rates  
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Dear Ms. Miller:

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 9, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Martin County Water rate hike!

Case #2018-00017

This is concerning expected rate hike for Martin County. If the water district is put into receivership and a private for profit company is brought in the burden of an added large rate hike would put me and my family under a devastating hardship. No one knows how large it would be, but at this time we just can't take another hit! We along with many others here are on fixed incomes and cannot deal with anymore water or tax hikes. There are many many people here in this county that have no other means of getting water, not even a well on the property. We need help here!! A large portion of us are over 65-70 and have no means of other income to off set these rate hikes!

Thank you and remember our plight!!!

Respectfully,  
Violet Miller

Thank You Violet Miller  
Sent from my iPad

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