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West Paducah, KY 42086
December 19, 2025

Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

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Re: Case Number 2025-00354, Rate Adjustment Application by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

To Whom it May Concern,

Via letter dated 12/11/25 (see attached), we received notification that Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company is once again filing for an additional sewer rate increase for Carriage Park Subdivision in West Paducah, KY, 42086. The proposed household rate increase is from \$77.77 per month to \$114.00 per month. This requested \$36.23, amounting to a 46.6% increase, is excessively high. Not only that, it also comes after a more than 500% Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company rate increase against multiple subdivision sewage systems (including ours) in 2020 (see Case # 2020-00290). My wife and I have lived in Carriage Park subdivision for 20+ years and that entire time the system has worked well and continues to work well. Since the Bluegrass Water acquisition and terribly high-rate increase of 2020, the company has only made trivial improvement to our system in the form of a very poorly constructed access road from an adjacent sewage lagoon (which serves a subdivision down the road and separate from our subdivision).

There is no sewage provider in Kentucky (KY), other than Bluegrass Water, that charges such an exorbitant rate. According to an AI search, the average sewer rate (in KY) is \$58 per month. The highest rate (found in major KY cities) is based on water usage and sometimes reaches \$61. With this comparison, it is obvious Bluegrass Water is unethical and their approach to acquiring sewage facilities (for a song), increasing rates by 100's of percent, and using the funds from clients with low maintenance systems to pay for those with defective systems is nothing short of fraudulent. In protecting the public, the Public Service Commission should not condone/approve this practice.

Although the Commission permitted a significant sewer rate hike in 2020, I am once again formally requesting intervention to prevent Bluegrass Water from raising the rates again. Through less than up front means our sewer system was acquired by Bluegrass Water and turned into a "cash cow" by taking over well operating systems such as ours (that have few or no problems) and then raising monthly fees (by an exorbitant amount) to repair other systems under their purview. We are being held hostage by a terrible utility company and without the assistance of the Public Service Commission, will once again be defrauded. Please do not allow this corporation to continue such unscrupulous tactics.

In closing, our sewer bills are already too high, and it is hurting the property values and general welfare of all residents under the thumb of Bluegrass Water.

Sincerely,
James E. Dodge



BLUEGRASS WATER

Utility Operating Company

A CSWR Managed Utility

12/11/2025

Dear Customer:

We are writing to update you on the wastewater services that serve your community.

Since purchasing the wastewater system that serves you, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (Bluegrass Water) has invested nearly \$18.6 million in Kentucky communities to ensure that you, your families and your neighbors have access to clean, safe and reliable wastewater resources. The infrastructure upgrades to the wastewater system serving you may include installation of remote monitoring equipment to assure facilities are closely tracked and working properly at all times; sewer plant improvements to ensure proper treatment including flow equalization, replacement of blowers, pipes, and diffusers in aeration tankage, and many more necessary repairs. As a result of these efforts and additional improvements planned, Bluegrass Water expects to submit a request on December 11, 2025 to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for a general adjustment of rates charged for service in order to increase annual wastewater operating revenues by \$2,669,423.86.

Please take notice of the following information about the proposed rate adjustment that is presented below:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Bluegrass Water, but the PSC, the state agency that regulates all utility services in Kentucky, may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates found in this notice. The Company has proposed raising residential rates from the present rate of \$77.77 to the proposed rate of \$114.00 which represents an increase of \$36.23 or 46.6%. The Company has also proposed raising the multi-residential rate from \$58.33 to \$85.50 and the commercial rate from \$197.43 to \$285.00. Respectively, these changes represent an increase of \$27.17 or 46.6% and \$87.57 or 44.4%. The date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the PSC is 12/11/2025; the proposed effective date of the rates is for service rendered on and after 1/31/2026. As there are only flat rates included in the existing tariff or which affect existing customers, the average customer usage is unknown and the effect the proposed rate will have on (i) the residential class is an increase of \$36.23 or 46.6%; (ii) the multi-residential class is an increase of \$27.17 or 46.6%; and (iii) the commercial class is an increase of \$87.57 or 44.4%.

You may examine Bluegrass Water's application at the offices of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, 101 South Fifth St., Suite 2500, Louisville, KY 40202. If you would like to make prior arrangements to view the application at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, please contact (866) 752-8982 or support@bluegrasswateruoc.com. Bluegrass Water's application may also be examined at the PSC's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its Web site or by mail to:

Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

You may submit a timely written request for intervention to the PSC, establishing the grounds for the request including your status and interest in the proceeding, by mail to:

Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this notice, the PSC may take final action on the application.

Josiah Cox
President
Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC