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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the notice in the Hickman County Gazette last week. You are talking about raising our water service to 50.80%. That is so unthinkable to so many of the citizens in Hickman County. There are no industries in Hickman County any more. 4 or 5 yrs ago we lost 7 businesses. That was tragic to our people.

I am 61 yrs of age and on disability. It is so hard to even make ends meet and we have to do without necessities just to make it. To think that our water is going to double is something we can't comprehend. If the water goes up the sewer bill will too. What and whose idea was it to even think about 50.80% to attach on to our water bill. Everything keeps going up but our dr. bills and medicine doesn't seem to get any less. The older citizens and the disabled people have hard enough time making it. There are no chances for our young people to even think about a future here and have to go elsewhere to seek employment and there are so many empty houses here it is sad the way the economy has dealt us this hand and now you are talking about increasing the water bills.

I managed a business several years ago

and people would only buy what they could afford not what they wanted.

Another thing was the ice storm and people lost alot. I lost 2 deep freezes full of food mostly home grown things and we had no help replenishing them and now have to do without. Also Hurricane Ike gave us another catastrophe. I also lost those same 2 deep freezes + had to do without.

Can you people find it somewhere to try + help the citizens of Hickman County. There are people who have had their water cut off + have none. I know of a man that when ~~the~~ hit us it was the ice storm; that he had no heat + his water froze + burst and all his plumbing ruined and he has no water nor sewer, no bathroom facilities and no money to get it fixed.

I live on 306 E. Jackson and behind me is a house that has no sewer system but there have been 2 families that have lived there with a pipe extended out the side of the house with whatever runs in my yard. We have to pay for the sewer but they get by this. Ralph B. Dard of Lexington, Tenn. owns this property but somehow they have people who just move in with their facilities like they are.

The older people of this area have no way of getting extra money for their medicine and have to do without.

The T.V. has gone to modern things now
and people like myself where rabbit ears
- us while can't get those modern things.
They couldn't get any extra with the
increase on our water bill. The electricity
is also going up so we are gonna have to
choose which of the main stay things
we are gonna have to do without.

It is depressing enough to listen to the
TV how much in debt we are & how we have to
worry about our water.

We, the people of Hickman County Kentucky
strongly object to your proposal of an increase.

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