

RECEIVED

MAR 25 2011

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION



Greg Pruitt
County Judge/Executive

Hickman County, Kentucky

110 E. Clay Street, Clinton, KY 42031
(270) 653-4369 • FAX (270) 653-4360

March 21, 2011

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Application of Water Service Corporation of KY
for Adjustment of Rates
Case #2010-00476

Dear Commissioners,

I cannot believe we are already here again! Only two years ago this company filed an application for a rate increase in regard to the water system owned in Clinton and Middlesboro. We all went through a difficult process at that time. The company requested, I believe, a 56% rate increase, and was awarded a little over 30%. Now it seems that the company has simply come back in an effort to collect what it did not get only two years ago.

Hickman County's position two years ago was, and it has not changed, that we are opposed to additional rate increases for a number of reasons. First, it is our understanding that the bulk of this request has to do with the cost of a software program to operate billing and other practices for the company. The billing system seems to have never worked very well. We have many residents who still complain about incorrect bills on a frequent basis. We also continue to question whether such an expensive software system was required and should, therefore, be borne by the local rate payer. Secondly, the Hickman County Fiscal Court is the biggest user/rate payer in this system. With the water used at the Hickman County Detention Center, Hickman County Courthouse, Hickman County Courthouse Annex and Hickman County Road Department, we are by far the largest water user on the system. As a result, the increase touches the pocketbook, not only of the citizens of Clinton, but the remainder of the citizens of Hickman County. Finally, additional water rate increases will accelerate our loss of population and negatively impact our ability to recruit new business and industry to Clinton. We have already had a number of citizens who left the community, citing high water and sewer bills as one of the primary reasons for leaving. Over 20% of our population is over the age of 65 and financially unable to bear the additional cost and fees requested.

Ricky Deweese
653-4601

Magistrates
Tommy Roberts
653-4466

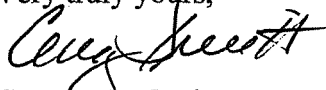
Harold Jackson
653-6549

Again, as before, we certainly want the water provider here to have sufficient income and resources to provide pure and clean water to our citizens. Public health and safety is a very important issue to us.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our continued concerns concerning this company and the requested increases. We ask you as a group of public service commissioners to weigh carefully the impact that any further water rate increases will have on our individual citizens and our county as a whole.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share these thoughts and concerns with you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gregory D. Pruitt".

Gregory D. Pruitt

GDP/np

cc: David Spenard, Esq.
Office of the Attorney General
1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200
Frankfort, KY 40601