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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Case No. 2010-00397, Center Ridge Water District No. 2, request to intervene.

Dear Director:

As homeowners at 234 Lake Point Lane, Hamlin, KY we will be directly affected by any change in rates imposed by the above utility. Upon learning of the rate increase of 39.6% requested, some thoughts came to mind.

First, since many homeowners in this area are not full time residents, we feel a notice of requested rate in the local paper is inadequate. Although he may have complied with the law, we feel it would have been much more appropriate and just plain more courteous for Mr. Duncan to notify his customers by mail. Had he done so, we're sure the Commission would receive many more comments.

Second, although some rate increase may be justified, we feel 39.6% is exorbitant. The website www.inflationdata.com estimates the total inflation over the period from January, 2004 to September, 2010 to be 17.95%. According to the cost of living calculator of The American Institute for Economic Research (www.aier.org), the cost of living from 2003 to 2010 has increased 17.77%. Although inflation and cost of living indices may not relate directly to Center Ridge water rates, they would seem to indicate that a 39.6% increase is, indeed, excessive.

Some costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the water facilities in Mr. Duncan's filing seem exaggerated, e.g. daily travel costs. Perhaps, as Mr. Duncan suggests in his filing cover letter, it would behoove the Commission perform a field review.

Please consider our request that the Commission deny Center Ridge the 39.6% rate increase.

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Sincerely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bless 234 Lake Point Lane

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