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Kentucky Public Service Commission

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Dear Commissioners:

This purpose of this letter is to object to R.A. Williams Construction Company, Co, d/b/a Cedarbrook Utilities request for approval to abandon the Cedarbrook waste treatment facility which serves 54 homes in

Cedarbrook subdivision located in Harrison County (Cynthiana, Ky.). R.A. Williams Construction Co. is represented to us by Ron Osborne.

R.A. Williams Construction Co. d/b/a as Cedarbrook Utilities has failed to inform the residents of Cedarbrook subdivision about their plans to abandon the waste treatment facility. When we did not receive our sewage bills on time in May one resident, Danny Tolson, became suspicious and started searching the internet. He found that the above mentioned company had applied to the Public Service Commission for approval to abandon the facility.

The first time a resident (Letha Bell) called to report not receiving a bill she was told that the bills had been sent out. I believe I was probably the third resident to call. I said "I have talked to 3 other residents who have not received their bills and we have not received ours." She said she messed up and she would send out the bills tomorrow. Two residents (Mary Howard and Pam Tolson) said they sent out their payments on time even though they had not received a bill. We received our bill after that and paid it. The next door neighbor (Ray Fields) said he was not going to pay his till he received his bill.

It was on May 13th. that resident (Danny Tolson) informed fellow residents that R.A. Williams had applied to the Public Service Commission to abandon the facility. He found this information on the internet. No one from R. A. Williams informed him or other residents.

The house next door (57 Daisy Ct.) was foreclosed on. The Commissioner's Sale notice in the paper said that they needed to raise over \$70,000 to pay the mortgager and property taxes owed and

R.A. Williams. The house sold for a lot less than that (around \$30,000). The person who was foreclosed on said the bank bought it and would not pay one penny more for it than what he owed them. How did the

Buyer get a clear deed without all the liens being paid? Manoah Carroll bought the house after that (from the mortgager), fixed it up and rented it out. The renters in that house were told by the owner (Mr. Carroll) to contact R.A. Williams about their sewer services. Danelle McCullough said her husband Chris tried to get in touch with them and could not get anyone. I gave her the name and address to send their payment to. This took place May 13th or 14th. Now that they have found out about the problem with the treatment plant they have decided to wait till after a meeting that county Judge Alex Barnett has called to take place on June 3rd. before they pay.

New neighbors Randy and Donna Riley told me they have not received a bill and did not know anything about a sewer bill. No one had told them. I gave them the name and address to send their payment to. Now that they know there is a problem with the treatment plant they want to wait and see what will happen. They have stopped the improvements they have been making to their home. They bought it at just under \$30,000. The P.V.A. came out and told them it is an \$80,000 home.

Neighbor, Judy Browning told me (around May 13th) she stopped paying their sewer bill 3 months ago because she never sees them over there doing anything and feels they are not doing their job. I told her "if you don't pay your bill they can't buy chemicals to put in it." I think they decided to pay their bill because of my comment. She said she tried to pay it over the phone and they will not take payments by phone.

Many residents have become very frustrated and angry with R.A. Williams because they feel the Plant is not being maintained properly. That is the reason many residents give for not paying.

It sounds like a list of horror stories doesn't it. The citizens of Cedarbrook have been greatly damaged. Houses that should sell for \$80,000 are selling for \$30,000. Not to mention the stress and uncertainty caused by this. People who have paid for their homes and retired do not have anywhere to go. If the houses have to be condemned that will mean relocating 50 families. One family was turned down for refinancing at a lower rate because of the publicity about this problem. (the Fryman family) Mrs. Fryman told me this on June 1st.

Now it is very unlikely that any of the houses can be sold at any price.

I feel that R.A. Williams has not done an adequate job of billing for the reasons I mentioned

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And has not made an honest effort to collect money owed, especially when some said they could not get in touch with them and have never received a bill.

Two or more parties have to agree before you have an agreement. We have lived here since April, 1975. To my knowledge there have never been any residents of Cedarbrook who have agreed to take over the treatment facility. We do not have the knowledge, expertise training, money or desire to take over or own the treatment facility. I have not seen any documents saying that we were to do that. The residents bought houses. We just wanted homes to live in. When you buy a home you expect to have access to the necessary utilities. You don't expect to have to do your own wiring, plumbing, etc.

I think R.A. Williams should be held accountable for all the damage they have done.

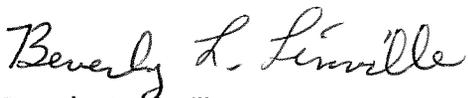
I think R.A. Williams should have to completely replace the current facility at their expense

And bring it up to code in order to meet E.P.A. standards. They have tried to protect themselves by separating the treatment facility out from all their other businesses and applied to make it L.L.C. under the name of Cedarbrook Utilities. No one will want to take over the operation of the facility because of the condition it is in.

Please help the residents of Cedarbrook subdivision any way you can.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Beverly L. Linville

Resident of Cedarbrook subdivision

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