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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am a concerned citizen of Middlesboro Kentucky and I strongly oppose the water rate increase. Can you give us a good logical reason as to why these are happening so often? The citizens of Middlesboro are not rich by no means and the water rate here is already too high. I only have my son living with me and I'm paying \$75-80\$ a month for water!! Before the Utilities of Kentucky took over my water bill was a steady \$35 dollars and there were more people that lived here then. I will not stand for this water rate increase! It is atrocious and uncalled for. I have friends that have water bills that are \$250 dollars a month! Some even more. When we call the customer service line to inquire, we are hurried quickly off the line with no answers at all. There have been no answers the last 5 years as to why our water bills are so high, like the base charge. I mean what is that? I never paid a "base charge" until this company took over. Water is a God given right not a luxury. I must question your motives over and over as to why you need more money for processing the water. This is very disappointing and again I strongly oppose your water increase!

A concerned citizen,

Shea Mcwilliams