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Name: robert evans

Address: 250 Harting Ridge Rd

City: West Paducah

State: KY

Zip Code: 42086

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Utility Name: Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

State the nature of your concern: Public Comments for Case 2022-00432 Request for Intervention I respectfully request the our Kentucky Public service commission deny this request by Bluegrass Water utilities to further raise our rates due to their own actions that have artificially increased the operational costs of rural waste water management across significant rural parts of Kentucky and many other states. When I purchased my West Paducah home I had to agree to a set of covenants which controlled what I could do with my owned personal property. One of those was to maintain my own septic system and pay my 15 dollars a month as part of the septic pond drainage system to a NON PROFIT corporation set up as part of the 40-ish house original development. That part of my legal financial agreement was taken from me without any early notification or any due process to question it. The non profit owned waste system was purchased for an unknown amount and then our rates are changed from 15 to 85.97 due to vague reasoning and claims of safety. They now, a year later they want to increase that again to 99 dollars. Per publicly available information online that rate would put our rural Kentucky waste water costs among the highest in the entire country, significantly higher than the averages around the state, and in our case double the costs of our neighbors just blocks away in the city of Paducah and McCracken county. This rate is more than 50%higher than the national average. This rate does not seems to be based on any factor of our actual usage or local costs, but instead a blended rate desired by Bluegrass to sustain their entire national portfolio of acquired waste systems. While I do not have access to all the details - I note Bluegrass who's entire leadership teams seems to be lawyers, lobbyist and asset managers, petitioned you all not to share how much they paid for all of these waste water systems. However, I think it is logical to make the following inferences. They aggressively acquired these systems not for current value of the land or assets or current revenue streams but to acquire the captive paying customer base required to use the services. These aggressive acquisitions came at a higher price then the current revenue streams that existed for those systems supported. This for-profit company now wants a significant return on their investments that they paid more than they were worth to acquire. They believe their legal and lobbyist skills will convince you to compel your fellow citizens of Kentucky to pay them returns on speculative investments they made. They increased the operating/debt costs of these systems artificially to acquire the revenue streams and now want to convince you all to increase the revenue stream to compensate for their own actions. Please do not support this.

Sincerely, Robert Evans

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No