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KY Public Service Commission

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

March 2, 2023

Mike Roberts 110 Gemini Trail Georgetown, KY 40324

RE: Bluegrass Water UOC request to raise sewer rates.

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to comment on the Bluegrass Water UOC request to raise sewer rates. I am a residential customer of Bluegrass Water and this rate increase will directly and substantially impact my household budget. I am retired and live on a fixed budget, the 694% (\$12.50/month to \$99.37/month) increase in the proposed monthly bill would be a terrible burden on myself and my neighbors. I am also concerned about the environment, so if the company truly needs a small increase to maintain good operations, I would understand it being granted. A 694% increase would be devastating to residents. I am attaching a copy of the notice that I received in the mail to confirm which rate increase. I am commenting on. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Roberts



Dear Customer:

We're writing to update you on the wastewater services that serve your community.

Since purchasing the sewer system that serves you, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (Bluegrass Water) has invested nearly \$16 million in Kentucky communities to ensure that you, your families and your neighbors have access to clean, safe and reliable wastewater resources. The infrastructure upgrades to the sewer system serving you may include installation of remote monitoring equipment to assure facilities are closely tracked and work properly at all times; sewer plant improvements to ensure proper treatment including flow equalization, replacement of blowers, pipes, and diffusers in aeration tankage, and many more necessary repairs. As a result of these efforts and additional improvements planned, Bluegrass Water expects to submit a request on February 27, 2023 to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for a general adjustment of rates charged for service in order to increase annual sewer operating revenues by \$1,291,491.

Please take notice of the following information about the proposed rate adjustment that is presented below:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Bluegrass Water, but the PSC, the state agency that regulates all utility services in Kentucky, may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates found in this notice. The Company has proposed raising your residential rate from the present rate of \$12.50 to the proposed rate of \$99.37 which represents an increase of \$86.87 or 694.9% and also represents the effect upon the average bill for residential customer the change in an average bill. The Company has proposed raising your commercial rate from the present rate of \$8.89 per 1000 gallons to the proposed rate of \$248.43 fixed charge plus a usage charge of \$14.91 per 1000 gallons. The average customer usage for commercial customers is approximately 122,001 gallons and the effect the proposed rate will have on the average bill for each customer is \$982.83 or 90.6%. The date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the PSC is February 27, 2023; the proposed effective date of the rates is for service rendered on and after March 31, 2023.

You may examine Bluegrass Water's application at the offices of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, 101 South Fifth St., Suite 2500, Louisville, KY 40202. If you would like to make prior arrangements to view the application at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, please contact Brooks Herrick at 502-540-2376 or brooks.herrick@dinsmore.com. Bluegrass Water's application may also be examined at the PSC's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its Web site or by mail to:

Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

You may submit a timely written request for intervention to the PSC, establishing the grounds for the request including your status and interest in the proceeding, by mail to:

Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this notice, the PSC may take final action on the application.

Josiah Cox, President of Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC



