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Writing this letter once again to ask that you STOP the price increases for the BREATHITT County WATER DISTRICT. We have seen and continue to see price increases on every day living, from the outrageous fuel prices, to the outrageous electricity bills, Food prices sky rocketing and a wanting a 13.19% increase for Water?

Breathitt county is one of the Poorest counties in KY. Breathitt county has a poverty rate of 33.1% to 35.5% according to the recent U.S. Census. About 42% of the Children live in Poverty, Breathitt county KY is more than Double the overall Kentucky Poverty rate at 16.5%. Some can't even get on the County water because they can't Afford it, it would be pay the OUTRAGEOUS WATER BILL or not HAVE FOOD ON THEIR TABLE, shouldn't even be a discussion, in 2026 everyone shouldn't have to worry about paying one or the other but can't afford all the bills currently. Our community is struggling to even have money left over each month after these OUTRAGEOUS BILLS.

Perry County KY water Rates (Neighboring County)

First 1000 gallon \$28.95

Next 1000 gallon \$4.05 TOTAL \$33.00

Breathitt County Water District already got a rate increase January 31, 2026. Why are we the consumers having to continue to fork these price increases? What is the reason for the 2nd increase in one year? The Water District us People they DONT WANT THE INCREASES, but that it's required by the PSC, WHY ? WHATS THE PSC REASONING FOR THE INCREASES? The water stinks like human feces and isn't fit to drink/cook with at all -WE DESERVE GOOD WATER AT A REASONABLE RATE AND NEITHER IS GOOD AT THE MOMENT!!!! With everything into consideration we hope that you decide to DENY this water increase.

If Breathitt water cant run or operate correctly without increases id highly suggest make necessary cuts and we the PEOPLE WANT THE TRUTH, etc instead of making the people pay for it. If PSC has nothing better to do than make mandatory price increases as the Water district says, then its time FOR A CHANGE IN THE PSC BOARD AS WELL. WE DESERVE HONESTY AND ANSWERS.

We the PEOPLE say this need to STOP. We need CLEAN-AFFORDABLE WATER.

How does one VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE PSC BOARD THAT MAKES THESE STUPID DECISIONS? WE THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH. IF THE PSC IS FORCING THESE INCREASES IT NEEDS TO STOP, OR IF THE BREATHITT WATER DISTRICT IS REQUESTING THESE INCREASES, THE PSC NEEDS TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING, IT ALSO MAYBE TIME FOR A NEW COUNTY WATER BOARD AS WELL. NO RATE INCREASE !!!!

WE THE PEOPLE DESERVE ANSWERS AND WE HOPE THAT PSC ANSWERS EACH QUESTION!!!!

NO RATE INCREASE!!!!

Thanks,

Dana Wheeler

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So on my way back to work this afternoon, I realized I have been off midday yesterday and today as I agreed to swap days two weeks ago! With that said, I will be workin tomorrow midday (this I wrote the day of our Breathitt Water Board meeting) but will supporting a no to the 13% requested raise as we have already seen a 3% raise each year and understand this is built in, if I remember when we hooked up to the water just very few years ago it started at apx 27.00 a month and now 47.53 per month. We still buy drinking coffee and most cookin water above this. I truly believe more people will be driven off county water and back on well water (many of which were not safe years ago) many low income, middle income homes cannot afford current expenses! Retired income for sure is NOT adding 13% cost of water and 16% cost of electric extra to this years cost of living as I am hearing maybe 3% and thankful for that, please Breathitt water, reconsider and withdraw your request to PSC.

Please do not increase this much needed utility!!!

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No Rate Increase