



## *Columbia/Adair Utilities District*

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Ms. Linda Bridwell,  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
PO Box 615  
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RE: Case No. 2021-00315 and No. 2021-00316

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

As ordered by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Board of Commissioners of the Columbia/Adair Utilities District aka Adair County Water District have voted to submit Alternative Rate Filing applications for its water and sewer systems respectively.

However, we would like to state that even though we are filing these applications, we object to being forced to submit applications and having to include depreciation into the rate calculations. The funding agencies we have used over the years have not allowed the District to include depreciation since this is a non-cash item. Including depreciation all at one time would result in tremendously large increases which we feel is a burden and unfair to our customers. Therefore, in the applications we have requested that we be allowed to increase rates over a period of years.

Adair County has a median household income that is less than 80 percent of the state median household income. It also has a poverty rate of 21.4 percent and a number of customers obtained utility bill assistance during the pandemic. We have to be sensitive to the hardship that increasing water and sewer rates may cause our customers.

We have worked to maintain our system and have raised rates when necessary. We feel that being ordered to submit these applications at this time is unnecessary and unfair.

Sincerely,

William Harris  
Chairman