

**Scott County, Kentucky  
KY PSC Case No. 2022-00432  
Response to Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC**

Exhibit 17a

**Joe Covington**

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**From:** Joe Covington <joe.covington@scottky.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 4:46 PM  
**To:** home  
**Subject:** RE: Increase in sewer rates- bluegrass water utility operating company

Mr. Leigh

Sorry for the delay in response. I agree with you ,that the huge increase in rates was not justified. I drafted and the Fiscal Court approved a resolution in opposition to the rate increase and sent it to the PSC back in the spring. I reached out to Mr. John Horne with the Attorney Generals office of Rate Intervention and asked if there was anything additional I could do at this point. Regretfully, he indicated that the increase was approved and that at this point there were no options to overturn the decision. I wish I had a different answer.

If you have any additional questions please call at [REDACTED]

Respectfully,  
JP Covington

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Paul Leigh

Sent from my iPad

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**To:** damonthayer  
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**From:** michael.hennigan@scottky.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** Joe Covington  
**Cc:** Jared Hollon  
**Subject:** PSC Ruling for Bluegrass Water  
**Attachments:** 20210802\_PSC\_ORDER.pdf

Joe Pat,

I have attached the Public Service Commission ruling from August 2, 2021 that relates to sewer rate increases. Essentially, the Commission approves a standard rate per household for the communities Bluegrass Water already serves and defers the request for systems that have not exceeded the test period for rate revisions or that documentation has not been satisfactorily submitted.

Please see pages 115-118 for the summary, pages 119-127 for the dissenting opinion, and Appendix B (page 132) where they approve \$85.97 per month base sewer rate on existing systems (287% increase for Longview). One can infer that Delaplain will be subject to the same base rate once the necessary documentation is submitted to the Commission's request for information. This will represent a 583% increase in sewer rates.

There is no question in subscribers' minds that these package plants are undersized and need necessary maintenance and upgrades. The argument comes from such a substantial immediate and across the board increase.

**Michael H. Hennigan, Director**

**Georgetown/Scott County**  
**Emergency Management Agency/ Office of Homeland Security**  
2200 Cincinnati Road, Georgetown, KY 40324  
[michael.hennigan@scottky.gov](mailto:michael.hennigan@scottky.gov) [REDACTED]



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**From:** JPC <joe.covington@scottky.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 11:13 AM  
**To:** jack.gtown.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bluegrass Water Utility

Jack

I received this email from my contact at the AG's office. The PSC issued their decision yesterday.



Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Horne, John G (KYOAG)" <John.Horne@ky.gov>  
**Date:** August 3, 2021 at 7:15:52 AM EDT  
**To:** joe.covington@scottky.gov  
**Subject:** Bluegrass Water Utility

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The Public Service Commission issued their decision late yesterday in the Bluegrass Water Utility rate case. Here is a link to the order [Final Order \(ky.gov\)](#). You will find a summary of the rates in Appendix B starting on page 132.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** jack gtown.org  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting

Jack  
Have you confirmed this since our conversation this morning? JPC

**From:** jack gtown.org [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 1:52 PM  
**To:** Andrew Hartley ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Chris Dawson ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Darrin Herrington ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); David Blackburn ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); joe.covington@scottky.gov; John Begalla ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Johnson, Kari ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Kim Allen Menke (TMNA) ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Kristan France ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Martin Essig ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Mathis, Kari ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Matt Nunn ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); mharmon ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Mitch Howard ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Patrick Twist ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Rejeana Thompson ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Renae Price ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Steve Burchfield ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Tom Prather ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Trey Lyda ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Walter Jones ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); Woody Deters ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>); [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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a meeting (in person and virtual) on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., at Aichi Forge (first floor conference room) to plan how best to respond by the deadline of July 10<sup>th</sup>

and to assure our concerns will be addressed and noticed. Only 8 persons can attend in person due to Aichi forge COVID protocols but I will establish a Zoom link for those

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 5:31 PM  
**To:** Joe Covington  
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Absolutely and speaking with the Director of the PSC in the morning!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jared Hollon <jared.hollon@scottky.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 10:55 AM  
**To:** Joe Covington  
**Subject:** FW: View Case Filings for: 2020-00290

The case file for Bluegrass Water Utility. Fitz may be able to shed some light on the process.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:35 AM  
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<https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2020-00290>

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