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Please be advised that I would like to formally file my grievance with you concerning Utilities Inc. requested rate increase of 50.8%.

The community of Clinton, Ky as a population of less then 1400 people. We are a community of mostly elderly persons or disabled persons on small fixed incomes. Even the families here are low income for the most part and require state aid/food stamps and welfare to live.

At this point we are also paying 133% of our water usage for sewer. This increase in water will also cause the sewer charges to increase as we are charged the sewer rate on the money amount of water usage.

We as a community are already paying more then we have. Some of us have had to let our home insurance go as we cannot afford it. So if our homes burn we will be homeless. Some of us have also had to reduce our car insurance to the minimum required, therefore we cannot fix or replace our vehicals if damaged. We have canceled health and death isurances.

Some people have reduced there medications, skipping days without them or stretching one months supply into two months or more.

If our water and sewer rates go up then alot of us will not be able to purchase gas to go for medical treatment or food for our table. We do not have any type of food bank to help us from week to week or even monthly. We do have a seniors progam that distributes a small amount of food to 60 plus year old seniors. They only have about 125 slots available. Every one else can get help with food once per year.

The water and sewer rates as they are are have decreased the value of our properties also as if we have pools we cannot afford to fill them, we cannot water yards or gardens or wash our cars. We cannot use our property as we intended when we purchased it. We also cannot sell our properties because no one can afford to move here with the existings rates.

We are stuck here with no way out unless we just walk off and leave our total investments. We cannot afford to stay in our community, but we cannot afford to leave our community either.

Those of us living on fixed incomes have \$700 or less per month to work with. Some families on welfare have only a few hundred dollars to work with. This is suppose to feed use, clothe us, supply insurances and medical needs and all utilities.

We are not a poor community, we are a destitute community. We have nothing left to give unless you want us to pay in blood, even then we will shortly run out of blood.

Can any of you sitting on this board even imagine meeting the needs of your families on this small amount of income? Can you imagine telling your child I can't feed you today or you can't flush the toilet or take a bath because I cannot pay for the water and sewer? Can you tell your family they must wear the same clothes for days because you cannot afford to wash a load of clothes? Can any of you actually imagine having to say to your families that they cannot have these basic necessities.

This is hard times for eveyone and Utilities Inc. needs to tighten there belts just like all of us in this community already have. Utilities Inc also should be asking there parent company AIG for some of the billions we tax payers have donated in corporate welfare to them.

If you approve this rate increase can this community come to your door steps to eat and get help with there basic needs to exist? Are your doors open to us?

This is an unrealistic request from Utilities Inc as well as greedy. I as a citizen of this community would request that you come to Clinton and see for yourselves how desperate and destitute our community is. I would also request that you deny this rate increase and help our people and community.

Thank You
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