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Case: 2008-00563 Middlesboro Public Hearing

COMMENTS: We live on a very limited fixed income. Our income does not increase but our expenditures continue to increase due to medical costs, groceries, etc. A 51 percent increase in the water rate would put an undue hardship on us and the other residents of Middlesboro. We are elderly and deserve a nominal rate change, not one giant rate increase. An increase of 51 percent is, in our opinion, price gouging. Banks that would charge this rate amount increase would be considered implementing a "usury" rate, which is illegal. Had an increase been needed, a nominal rate adjustment should have been implemented gradually over years - not one extremely large rate increase. According to Representative Nelson, with this increase, the upgrade expenditures would be recovered in 10 months and then the Water Company would generate \$66,000.00 monthly in increased revenue. An increase of this magnitude is unrealistic, especially in this economic climate. Please deny this enormously high rate increase. Should an increase be required, please make it a feasible adjustment. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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