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Kentucky Public Service Commission

RE: Case No. 2016-00142

(Martin County Water District)

Attn: Talina Mathews Executive Director

My name is Jim Pack and I have lived in Martin County for over 30 years. I have always had to buy water to drink and cook with. When I wash dishes I use Bleach in rinse water. I built a new home in 2006 and have already replaced the faucets in showers and sinks including kitchen. I bought a refrigerator with a filter for both ice and water. The sales person told me that normally the \$40.00 filter would need replaced 2 times a year and a sensor light would let me know when to change it. I change it every 2 months, only use ice. \$240.00 a year for Icee Filtration, 10 to 15 cases of water a month, I even send 3 bottles a day to school with my son. When our Judge Executive testified that the people of Martin County would dily agree to a rate increase and an additional fee for the Water District, he must have meant the 20% of the population of Martin County that have decent paying jobs. Most of Martin County's residents are either retired, disabled, unemployed, or under employed. If he and the Magistrate for Dist. 5 would actually drink the water they may have a different view, but I fear that they haean agreement that the Judge will retire and Dist. 5 magistrate Victor Slone will become Judge Executive.

I don't know how other counties operate, but here in Martin County the Judge Executive usually goes to his other business in the morning and then around lunch time he and his wife who is also on the payroll cumes to the " Martin County Executive Building" . As far as the Magistrates go some only show up at the monthly meeting, if you try to reach one by phone they will never call you back, that is if they are listed in the phone book.

I suggest that the state take a look at the compensation for smaller counties and adjust them to reflect the actual work. the excess could be put toward things like safe water.

One of the side effects listed is kidney problems with long term use, I have had a grandmother and two (2) uncles become dependant on kiidney dialysis. So how many more Martin Countians

have ended up on dialysis.

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