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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are residents of Caldwell County, KY. I am writing this letter in regards to a water rate increase proposal sent to you by our Caldwell County Water District.

We are currently paying \$21.17 per 1000 gallons of water. Our district is asking for a 33.9% rate increase per month. This proposal would be a hardship not only on us but many others in our county.

We have several surrounding counties that have cheaper rates than we do now for the 1000 gallon minimum rate.

Our water board and CEO seem to think county residents have lots of money by the way they are spending. I understand there are expenses to keep lines, pumps and equipment in good condition They are telling us they currently have three maintenance people, one of whom reads the meters three weeks out of the month and does maintenance the other week. The other employees do maintenance. Our CEO is wanting to hire one more field employee. The CEO hired his own son and started him out at \$18.00/hour with no type of experience, and gave him a \$9000.00 incentive package. The board also stated that any other new hires will be getting this same package even with no experience. I currently know experienced maintenance that are not making this type of money.

They also expressed wanting some new trucks. We are being told that no employee drives a water vehicle home. It has been witnessed twice, not by me but someone else, that a person from the county water district was driving one of the vehicles with a trailer behind it carrying hay for personal use. This kind of behavior should not be allowed!

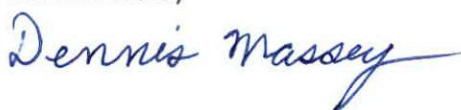
Many of our surrounding counties have cheaper minimum rates. I have done some research on this matter and so has a fellow concerned citizen from my neighborhood, Douglas Creasey. Enclosed is a copy of surrounding county water rates.

This kind of increase will put a financial hardship on a lot of people. There are many people complaining but won't try to do anything because they say it won't do any good. So I am complaining.

I am asking you to diligently consider this before acting on this increase.

Sincerely,

Dennis Massey



Local county water rates

South Hopkins Water District : 1st 1000 gallons - \$10.54

Next 9000 gallons - \$5.62/1000 gallons

For 2000 gallon used - \$16.16

Webster County Water District : 1st 2000 gallons - \$18.03

Next 4000 gallons per 1000 gallons - \$7.95

Caldwell County Water District : 1st 1000 gallons - \$21.17

Next 3000 gallons per 1000 gallons - \$10.97

For 2000 gallons used - \$32.14

Union County Water District : 1st 2000 gallons - \$12.89

Lyon County Water District : 1st 2000 gallons - \$25.75

Next 3000 gallons per 1000 gallons - \$10.62

Crittenden/ Livingston Water District : 1st 1000 gallons - \$19.29

Next 9000 gallons per 2000 gallons - \$10.65

For 2000 gallons used - \$29.41