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July 19, 2018

Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

Case # 2018-00208

Re: water rate increase

Dear Sir,

I am writing to protest the approximately 32% increase on water rates being proposed on the Citizens of Middlesboro, KY by the Water Service Company of Kentucky.

I see no justification for this amount of increase to be imposed on the residents of our town. There has been no improvement, or change in the processing, distribution, or quality of our water that I am aware of. The consumer Price index has increased by only 2.8% in the last 12 months. This amount might be justified, but not 32%.

This area of Kentucky is experiencing a high unemployment, low wages, business closings, declining population and a high poverty rate. A rate increase of this magnitude would impose a heavy burden on our citizens.

Please consider denying this increase it would only contribute to more poverty, more declining population, and more business closings.

Sincerely,

Kirby Smith