

Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Dear Sirs:

Utilities, Inc., on schedule, is again asking the citizens of Clinton, Ky. for a 25-35% increase in running our water service.

1. In Middlesboro the charge is \$4.058 per 1000 gallons; in Clinton the rate is \$4.362 per 1000 gallons.

	Middlesboro	Clinton
Population	10,334	1415
% below poverty	28.1	31.6
% under 18	41.2	51.3
% 65 & older	16.5	21.4

According to statistics above gathered from Wikipedia, Middlesboro has 7 times the population as well as better % ratings than Clinton, yet they enjoy cheaper water rates. Americans should be helping other Americans who have less not heap higher payments on those who are less able.

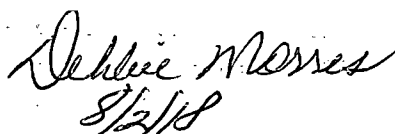
2. As a Senior Citizen, my annual increase last year was 2% certainly not 25-35% every two years. When asked about the wage increases Utilities, Inc. gave their employees, they would not respond. No transparency because I am quite sure they realize they give excellent wages to their 500 employees which the people who use their services will pay for even though we do not receive adequate wage increases to cover this expenditure.

3. Clinton has two Utilities, Inc. workers; Utilities, Inc. is proposing adding on two interns of which the cost will be paid for by the consumer. The two we have now are not college graduates with degrees such as an electrician would need so I therefore submit that it is possible they are unskilled overpaid workers who we rarely see actively working around the community.

4. This company I am being told has a GPS system which reads the meters. This system along with Consultants, lawyers, surveys, interns not needed, and any other costs is the cost they need to consume as a cost of doing business and not passed down to the consumer. The only actual expense which I saw in their material which the consumer seems to be responsible for is the cost of a new back hoe. All the other costs listed are to meet regulations and to provide interns for their good and not for the good of Clinton who certainly does not need more than the two employees we already have.

I strongly urge you to consider these items when deciding if Utilities, Inc. truly needs to seek an increase to its consumers in Clinton, Ky.

Thank you for your time,
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