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PO Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

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October 15, 2020

Dear Public Service Commission Representative,

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They purchased eight facilities in 2019. Their engineering report, filed before purchase, stated that "No deficiencies were identified for the Kingswood plant."

The report can be found at:

https://psc.ky.gov/pscecf/2019-00104/kyunker@mcbayerfirm.com/05312019073517/20190531BW_MtnConfTreatment_for_Resp_DR.pdf.

The full engineering survey has since been redacted but it also showed at the time of purchase that there were no issues with our plant and it was more than adequate to handle the number of 126 homes it serviced.

Six of the treatment plants they purchased show they needed significant work including a complete rebuild. I do not think it fair to make us pay for other neighborhoods who have not maintained their system, as we have done since 1998. This increase is a \$86,637 per year for the Kingswood homes. The only improvement that Bluegrass Water is planning for our neighborhood is a remote monitoring system which would eliminate my above-mentioned occasion drive by monitoring.

Our neighborhood strives to keep our property values high and very marketable for those wishing to sell. A sewer bill of this magnitude would be a big deterrent for prospective buyers. I do understand that anytime a company buys another company they want to quickly increase their profits but an increase of 147.5% is ridiculous and far-reaching since we have no options but to be connected to the plant.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue and to deny Bluegrass Water this absurd rate increase.

Kindest Regards,

Anna Coble
149 Queens Ct
Taylorsville KY 40071

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Mike and Sandra Whaley
379 Kingswood Dr
Taylorsville, KY 40047

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They purchased eight (8) facilities in 2019. Their engineering report, filed before purchase, states that "No deficiencies were identified for the Persimmon Ridge plant or the Kingswood plant." https://psc.ky.gov/.../20190531BW_MtnConfTreatment_for...

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This increase for the 126 homes would give them an increase of \$86,637.60 per year. Talking with their employees, the only improvement they plan for our facility is a remote monitoring system.

I am also a committee member on our homeowner's association. We strive to keep our neighborhood property values high and very marketable for those wishing to sell. A sewer bill of this magnitude would be a big deterrent for prospective buyers. The Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District charges its customers the same as their monthly water bill. My monthly water bill averages less than \$60. To have a flat rate of \$96.14 is way too high. I do understand that anytime a company buys another company they want to quickly increase their profits but an increase of 147.5% is robbery in my opinion since we have no options but to be connected to the plant.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue and to deny Bluegrass Water this unrealistic rate increase.


Sandra Whaley

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Frankfort, KY 40602

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October 6, 2020

Dear Public Service Commission Representative,

Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company has just informed the homeowners of Kingswood Subdivision that they are asking for an increase for our sewer bill of 147.5%. This would take our monthly rate from \$38.84 to \$96.14. They state that since purchasing the facility in 2019, they have had to invest significant funds for improvement. This is not true. The only improvements they have made is to nail a few fence boards back up, placed gravel on the sewer entrance and occasionally they drive through the neighborhood to monitor.

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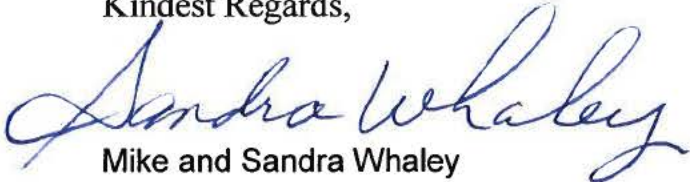
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra Whaley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike and Sandra Whaley
379 Kingswood Dr
Taylorsville, KY 40071



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Rate Comparison Table

Type of Charge	Service Area	Present Rates (per month)	Proposed Rates (per month)	Change Requested PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	
				\$	%
Total Monthly Sewer – Single Residential per unit					
	Airview Estates	\$41.36	\$96.14	\$54.78	132.4%
	Brocklyn Subdivision- Single Unit	\$40.00	\$96.14	\$56.14	140.4%
	Fox Run Estates	\$55.85	\$96.14	\$40.29	72.1%
	Great Oaks Subdivision	\$28.84	\$96.14	\$67.30	233.4%
	Golden Acres Subdivision	\$39.57	\$96.14	\$56.57	143.0%
	Kingswood Development	\$38.84	\$96.14	\$57.30	147.5%
	Lake Columbia Estates	\$50.32	\$96.14	\$45.82	91.1%
	Longview and Homestead Subdivisions	\$30.00	\$96.14	\$66.14	220.5%
	Persimmon Ridge Subdivision	\$35.00	\$96.14	\$61.14	174.7%
	City of River Bluff and environs	\$58.16	\$96.14	\$37.98	65.3%
	Timberland Subdivision	\$34.71	\$96.14	\$61.43	177.0%
Total Monthly Sewer – Multi Residential per unit					
	Brocklyn Subdivision – Multi Unit	\$30.40	\$72.11	\$41.71	137.2%
Total Monthly Sewer Bill – Commercial (Flat)					
	Persimmon Ridge Subdivision	\$35.00 per residential equivalent of 12,000 gallons	\$240.36	\$205.36	234.7%
Total Monthly Sewer – Industrial/Commercial (Metered)					
	I-75 & Delaplain Road interchange area (Scott County)	\$8.89 per 1000 gal	\$25.65 per 1000 gal	\$16.76	188.52%
Total Monthly Water Bill - Residential					
	Center Ridge	\$22.79	\$105.84	\$83.05	364.4%

I don't agree that the rates should go up that much. I live on a fixed income and there are not more than 2 people living in the home.

M. Dalton

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From: Bud Slusher

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 3:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Bluegrass sewer increase for City of River Bluff Prospect ky

I am on SS and age 71 . To have a company buy out old sewer and then apply for such outlandish increases across the board is unfair business practice. The increase are way out of line to the normal. If the old companies were in such bad shape, why did they buy them??

H Slusher

13412 creekview rd

Prospect Ky 40059

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

NO
INCREASE



September 30, 2020

Dear Customer:

We're writing to update you on the water or wastewater services that serve your community.

Since purchasing the infrastructure that serves your home, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company (Bluegrass Water) has invested nearly \$2.5 million in urgently needed improvements in Kentucky communities to ensure you, your families and neighbors have access to clean, safe and reliable drinking water and wastewater systems. Additionally, Bluegrass Water intends to invest an additional \$3.5 million to ensure safe and reliable service. These improvements include remote monitoring equipment at each location to assure facilities are closely tracked and work properly at all times; sewer plant improvements to ensure proper treatment, including flow equalization, replacement of blowers, pipes, and diffusers in aeration tankage, and many more improvements. As a result of these efforts and additional improvements planned for the next 18 months, Bluegrass Water expects to submit a request on September 30, 2020, to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for a general adjustment of rates charged for service in order to increase annual water operating revenues by \$336,747 and sewer operating revenues by \$2,177,052.

Please take notice of the following information about the proposed rate adjustment that is presented below and on the enclosed sheet:

The PSC, the state agency that regulates all utility services in Kentucky, will rule on this request and may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates found in this notice. *On the enclosed sheet* is a table that compares present and proposed rates and the amount of the change requested (in dollar and percentage change) for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply. The date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the PSC is September 30, 2020; the proposed effective date of the rates is for service rendered on and after October 31, 2020. As there are only flat rates included in the existing tariff or which affect existing customers, the average customer usage is unknown and the average bill in each service area relates directly to the current rates per month shown in the enclosed sheet.

By prior arrangement, you may examine Bluegrass Water's application at the offices of McBrayer PLLC, 201 East Main Street, Suite 900, Lexington, Kentucky; please contact Holly Lewis at 859-551-3648 or hlewis@mcbayerfirm.com to visit the McBrayer offices to examine the application. Bluegrass Water's application may also be examined at the PSC's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application or timely requests for intervention (establishing the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the requester) may be submitted to the PSC through its website or by mail to:

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If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention establishing the grounds for the request (including the status and interest of the party) within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the PSC may take final action on the application.

Josiah Cox

President

Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, Inc.



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