

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [PSC Executive Director](mailto:PSCED@ky.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Case #2020-0290 (Bluegrass Water UOC rate increase for Airview Estates Service Area)  
**Date:** Monday, January 4, 2021 10:53:33 AM

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Hi Brandon,

Thank you very much for taking the time for your thoughtful reply; this is a good explanation that clarifies the requirement for me. My intention was to write a request for intervention- I will review the requirements and see if I can craft a more suitable letter. Many thanks again,  
Kind regards,  
-James

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2021, at 10:18 AM, PSC Executive Director <[PSCED@ky.gov](mailto:PSCED@ky.gov)> wrote:

James Morris,

Your public comment below is in the case file under the public comments folder titled [2020-10-20 PSC Response E-mails to Multiple Comments](#). These comments are placed in the public comments folder of the case file for the Commission to consider when reviewing the case. Any comments or letters received in this matter, whether or not they request intervention, should be located on the main filing page for the case or in the public comments folder for the case, which you can navigate to by clicking on the manila folder labelled "Public Comments" on the main page for the case. A screenshot of the main case filing page with the manila folder circled is below my signature in this email. Any written comment or letter received by the Commission that includes the case number for this case should be in one of those two spots.

With respect to the different placement of the comments and letters, there is a distinction between public comments and a motion to intervene, because a person requesting to intervene is requesting to become a full party to the case, which means that they can generally participate in the case like any other party, among other things. Conversely, public comments are filed in the case record and will be reviewed and considered as part of the record, but a person providing public comments is not deemed to be a party to the case.

In this matter, if a letter requested intervention or included language indicating that it is a request to intervene, then the letter was initially included with other filings in the case on the main page, as opposed to the public comments folder, so the Commission could review the letter to determine whether it meets the procedural and substantive requirements for obtaining intervention, including those requirements in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11). The Commission makes any decision regarding whether intervention should be granted, so I cannot state what the Commission will decide with respect to whether those letters meet the relevant procedural and substantive

requirements for intervention. However, if intervention is ultimately denied, then the letters will be considered public comments like the letters that did not include a request to intervene.

Best Regards,

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**From:** James W. Morris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 2, 2021 12:55 PM  
**To:** PSC Executive Director <[PSCED@ky.gov](mailto:PSCED@ky.gov)>  
**Cc:** PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Case #2020-0290 (Bluegrass Water UOC rate increase for Airview Estates Service Area)

Dear Mr. Bruner,

My letter (below) does not seem to have made it into the online file. I see many others' requests for intervention and the deadline for inclusion is rapidly approaching. I wish to ensure my concerns are shared with the commission about Bluegrass Water UOC's unscrupulous intentions. Many thanks!

Kind regards,

James Morris  
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On Oct 19, 2020, at 2:16 PM, PSC Executive Director  
<[PSCED@ky.gov](mailto:PSCED@ky.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00290, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available

at [http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00290](http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00290).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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**From:** PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** PSC Executive Director <[PSCED@ky.gov](mailto:PSCED@ky.gov)>  
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**From:** James W. Morris [REDACTED] >  
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**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** Case #2020-0290 (Bluegrass Water UOC rate increase for Airview Estates Service Area)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to request the Public Service Commission intervene and deny Bluegrass Water UOC's application to raise the sewer bill in the Airview Estates service area in Elizabethtown, KY. I am a property owner in this neighborhood and my interest is in maintaining my personal finances and looking out for the welfare of my tenants.

Bluegrass Water UOC is requesting to increase the current rate of \$41.36 to \$96.14, an increase of 132.4%. At the proposed rate, the privilege of flushing a toilet will cost more than \$3.00 per day. This is approximate to the annual property taxes for a home in this neighborhood. I believe this rate increase was pre-planned by this company when they purchased this system as it is happening one year and one month into their new ownership. It is shameless and does not serve the community but rather victimizes the residents.

As we all understand, property taxes cover things such as fire, police, school, and ambulance but Bluegrass Water UOC wants the same approximate amount for maintaining a simple (open) sewage treatment pond and the existing pipes. I believe Bluegrass Water UOC's application serves as an example of the most callous indifference a private company can show for the people who have no

choice but to use their “service”. Referring to the residents of Airview Estates as “customers” in this case is laughable. I feel like “hostages” is more appropriate.

No member of this community had a say in the selling of this utility to Bluegrass Water UOC but now we, collectively, are expected to fund their business decisions. Bluegrass Water UOC knew the condition of this neighborhood’s sewer infrastructure when they purchased it so costs of future upgrades and operating costs should have determined their decision rather than a future intention to wring the money from the residents.

I believe many residents will simply decide to stop paying. Sewage is a utility and frankly should be in the public domain, operated using public funds. This arrangement is feudal, where the lord (Bluegrass Water UOC) demands an arbitrary price from the serfs who have no say whatsoever in the matter.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I sincerely hope the PSC intervenes and denies Bluegrass Water OUC’s application and in doing so helps to ensure ethical, fair treatment of the residents.

Kind regards,

James Morris



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