

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case ID# 2020-00290
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:04:00 AM

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.

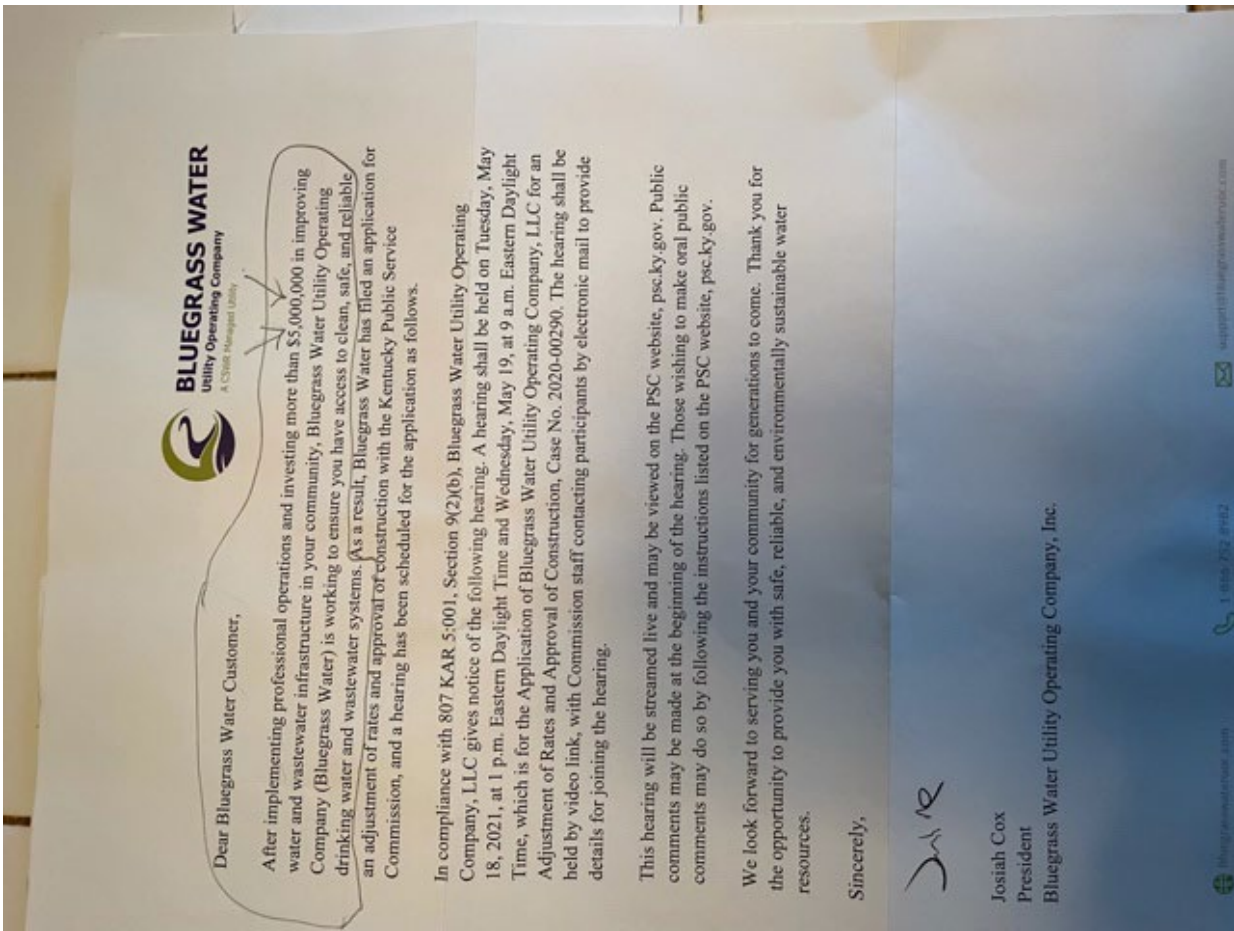
Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: David Sparks [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 12:19 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Case ID# 2020-00290



Sent from my iPhone

> On May 10, 2021, at 11:16 AM, David Sparks [REDACTED] wrote:

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> I along with other customers of Bluegrass Water Utility Co. received this letter from them. Could you come show us and me where the \$5,000,000 has been spent?? Can you come show us and me where the waste water plant is???? We have our own septic systems.

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From: Chad Lampe [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:49 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Comment for 2020-00290 -Bluegrass water

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing in regard to the application for a rate adjustment to the Center Ridge Water District by Bluegrass Water. I'm writing to express my sincere concern about Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company's proposed 364.4% increase to the monthly rate. This increase is wholly unacceptable and will cause significant financial hardship on most all the 325 homes and more than 900 residents.

According to the company's application for an increased rate, improvements to the district (completed and planned) total \$1,156,000. The rate increase totals approximately \$412,776 in additional annual gross revenue for this company. Even given a reasonable debt load to achieve these upgrades, a three year plan to recover those funds seems unreasonably aggressive, and places a significant burden on the district's ratepayers.

I, like many residents, appreciate the upgrades for safer water and better pressure, and would accept a more reasonable increase of 30-40%, which would still allow the retirement of any debt in a reasonable amount of time. Furthermore, this is an unmetered water district which does not allow for an equitable distribution for fees based on usage.

I believe the company should take into consideration the demographics of this water district

as more than 21% of the population lives below the poverty line, compared to 17% of the Kentucky population.

This rate increase, if allowed to proceed, will undoubtedly cause significant harm to many families who live in this district. As the costs for basic infrastructure increase (basic internet costs are nearly \$100 per month, water increases to \$100+ per month along with increases in electricity rates) many residents may be forced to relocate and further cause harm to the business model for this water district.

I ask the commission to study the average cost for water service in Kentucky when making their decision on this proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

Chad and Angela Lampe

286 Lakeshore Drive, New Concord KY (Center Ridge Water Customer)

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