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**Subject:** CASE 2020-00160  
**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:52:00 AM  
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Gaye Bencini,

Thank you for your comments on the application of Water Service Corporation of Kentucky. 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, 2020-00160, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00160](http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00160).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner  
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**From:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
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Good afternoon,

Attached is a letter stating my opposition to the proposed rate increase by Water Service Corporation for the customers in Clinton, Ky. Thank you for the opportunity to share comments!

Gaye

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### **CASE: 2020-00160**

June 12, 2020

**To: The Public Service Commission**

**I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed water rate increase by Water Service Corporation of Kentucky for customers in the City of Clinton, Ky.**

**I know there is a proposed low-income opt-in rate, but how many bureaucratic hurdles will this involve? Will they need Internet? Many folks here do not have access to it.**

**I am also concerned about the frequency with which these rate increase requests are made.**

**We are already facing hardships in this little town from businesses being closed due to Covid-19 restrictions and do not need additional hardships piled on top of that.**

**Please think about us when making a decision and see our faces- see the elderly trying to buy medicine. See the mother trying to buy food for her family. See the business owner trying to stay open after being hit by a mandated closure they never saw coming.**

**See us as humans and not numbers.**

**Thank you so much for consideration and the opportunity to comment. It is greatly appreciated!**

**Gaye Bencini  
Publisher  
The Hickman County Times  
Clinton, Ky.**

**From:** [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC-Executive Director](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** KY PSC Utility Inquiry - Case No. 2020-00160  
**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:47:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [water service.pdf](#)

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Glynn Brown,

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**To:** PSC-Executive Director <[PSCED@ky.gov](mailto:PSCED@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: water service increase

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**From:** Glynn Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:22 AM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: water service increase

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Morning,

Can someone from your agency advise of the specific LOCATIONS/CITIES in Kentucky that will be on the list for proposed rate increase?? As you can see .... This letter from Water Service "indicates" the City of CLINTON, KY ; however I was "told" by someone at Water Service this rate includes all service areas.....AND is this for ALL water service customers residential& Commercial?

Thank you for your information on this situation.

Glynn Brown,Chairman

Middlesboro Bell County Airport Board

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**From:** Glynn Brown

**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 6:38 PM

**To:** [psc.consumer.inquiry@ky.gov](mailto:psc.consumer.inquiry@ky.gov)

**Subject:** FW: water service increase

Please see attached UNDATED notice of proposed increase from Water Service Company of Kentucky.

This was sent to Middlesboro Bell Airport PO Box 822 Middlesboro, Ky. 40965

My **first** concern is that the NOTICE indicates this is for CLINTON KY.... And does not mention any other cities or entities.. Can you verify what locations this Proposed increase if intended to affect?

**Second** Concern I am OPPOSED to any rate increase for the Water Service of Kentucky.

PLEASE contact me promptly regarding this matter.

Thank you.

Glynn Brown,Chairman

Middlesboro Bell County Airport Board

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**From:** John Brown [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:01 AM

**To:** glynn brown [REDACTED]

**Subject:** water service increase

# Water Service Company of Kentucky

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE

Pursuant to the regulations of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, Water Service Corporation of Kentucky gives notice to its customers in Clinton that it intends to adopt an increase in its water rates. The utility is requesting an increase in annual revenue totaling \$1,080,300, which will be a total increase of 38.32% to the utility. The rates listed below are proposed to be effective July 1, 2020.

	Present Fixed Charge	Present First 100k gal Vol Rate	Present Over 100k gal Vol Rate	Proposed Fixed Charge	Proposed First 100k gal Vol Rate	Proposed Over 100k gal Vol Rate	Current Avg Bill	Proposed Avg Bill	Dollar Increase	% Increase
<b>Water Service Corporation of Kentucky</b>										
5/8" and 3/4" Meter	\$ 11.45	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 15.84	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.21	\$ 28.66	\$ 41.81	\$ 13.16	45.91%
1" Meter	\$ 28.63	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 39.60	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.21	\$ 103.17	\$ 152.12	\$ 48.95	47.45%
1.5" Meter	\$ 57.25	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 79.19	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.21	\$ 229.15	\$ 338.69	\$ 109.54	47.80%
2" Meter	\$ 91.60	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 126.70	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.21	\$ 192.77	\$ 279.42	\$ 86.66	44.95%
3" Meter	\$ 171.75	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 237.56	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.21	\$ 2,194.72	\$ 3,360.06	\$1,165.34	53.10%
4" Meter	\$ 286.25	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 395.94	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.21	\$ 2,733.63	\$ 4,178.25	\$1,444.62	52.85%
6" Meter	\$ 572.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.35	\$ 791.88	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.21	\$ 992.49	\$ 1,425.90	\$ 433.41	43.67%
Municipally Owned Hydrants	\$ 7.40			\$ 8.10			\$ 7.40	\$ 10.24	\$ 2.84	38.32%
Private Hydrants & Sprinkler Systems	\$ 33.50			\$ 36.50			\$ 33.50	\$ 46.34	\$ 12.84	38.32%
Ambleside Private Fire Surcharge	\$ 3.33			\$ 3.63			\$ 3.33	\$ 4.61	\$ 1.28	38.32%

WSCK has proposed additions to its tariff to include a Qualified Infrastructure Program surcharge that would be applied to all customer classifications for qualified infrastructure investments. This surcharge would be calculated annually based on qualified infrastructure costs and applied to each customer's monthly bill. The surcharge would then be updated annually until the next rate case, at which time the investment costs would be incorporated into base rates and the surcharge reset at zero.

To increase the affordability for our most at-risk customers; WSCK is proposing an opt-in, low-income rate such that residences whose income falls below the poverty line can take advantage of a lower volumetric rate. The proposal would set a volumetric charge to \$5.93 per thousand gallons for the essential water consumption up to 3,000 gallons per month for qualifying customers. WSCK is also proposing a leak adjustment policy, whereby customers can receive a partial credit for underground leaks on customer-owned infrastructure under certain circumstances. In addition, WSCK is proposing a new wholesale water rate, proposed to be set at \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons.

The rates contained in the notice are the rates proposed by Water Service Corporation of Kentucky on or about June 1, 2020, with the Commission but that the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A corporation, association, or person may within thirty (30) days after the initial publication or mailing of notice of the proposed rate changes, submit a written request to intervene to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 that establishes the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

A person may examine this filing and any other documents Water Service Corporation of Kentucky has filed with the Public Service Commission at the offices of Water Service Corporation of Kentucky located at 100 East Jackson Street, Clinton, Kentucky 42031.

This filing and any other related documents can be examined at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or found on the Public Service Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov/>. Written comments regarding the proposed rate may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail or through the Public Service Commission's Web site.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (844) 310-5556. Please have your account number ready.

Water Service Corporation of Kentucky

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**From:** [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC-Executive Director](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Case Related Question Case # 2020-00160  
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Dwayne Thurman,

Thank you for your comments on the application of Water Service Corporation of Kentucky. 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, 2020-00160, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00160](http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00160) .

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**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** Case Related Question Case # 2020-00160

We are a retired couple living on SSI We oppose the rate hike in the water service due to hardship

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