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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Please see attached letter stating my strong opposition to Bluegrass Water's inconceivable proposal of a 364% monthly utility increase in the Center Ridge area of Kentucky in which I own property.

Public Service Commission Commissioners Schmitt, Chandler and Mathews P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40603

In Re: Case No. 2020-00290 Homeowner: Robert E. Dozier

Property Address: 292 Lake Point Lane New Concord, KY

This letter is in regard to the outlandish proposal of Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company in their application submitted to increase the monthly water bill by 364.4% in my affected area of Center Ridge and to "provide" sewer services. I hope this letter will suffice as my Request for Intervention form in that I only learned about this by word-of-mouth and am operating within a time constraint.

One word that comes to mind as to the absurdity of the proposed rate increase for our area is "egregious," the second "borderline unscrupulous." This company, Bluegrass, is making lofty claims or promises it will not nor, more appropriately, cannot keep.

The water necessities in this particular subdivision are provided by a shared well with a backup generator purchased through volunteer donations. It is very efficient in its purpose – particularly in power outages – and requires no upgrades. As to sewer services, if Bluegrass Water had the foggiest notion of where Center Ridge is located and, knowing that, would still be of the impression that implementation of sewer services is a feasible idea, then I have that proverbial bridge they are encouraged to buy. Septic tanks is our sewer system and we maintain them accordingly.

As for me and my property, I inherited a literal fishing cabin on the water from my dad. I winterize, cut off the water completely for seven-plus months out of every year, visiting occasionally for inspection of any issues requiring maintenance. During the remaining four-to-five month period, I will be on that property approximately two to three times max monthly for perhaps a weekend stay. For that luxury, Bluegrass obviously feels quite comfortable in their coercion efforts that I pay them a ludicrous \$105.84 monthly, an increase of \$83.05 or, again, a **364.4%** increase. I believe I speak for the majority of the homeowners in the area, even those who maintain it as their permanent homes. It is totally unrealistic in every sense of the word for the many living there on fixed incomes and those of us who enjoy an occasional weekend on the water.

For the reasons I have enumerated above and on the grounds of their deceitful claims, I urge you – no, I beg that you reject their application for an adjustment of rates and construction approval.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Dozier 720 Dotsonville Road Clarksville, TN 37042

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