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Mr., Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY. 40602-0615

RE: Case # 2020-00290

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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Bluegrass Water request for sewer rate increase

Dear Sir:

On October 4, 2020 customers of Airview Estates received notice of a proposed sewer rate increase. Enclosed is a petition from Airview Estates Subdivision in which residents have collected signatures protesting the exorbitant proposed increase. There are 128 + households represented by the signatures on the petition, and there is still a petition circulating. (This is quite a large number when you consider how difficult it is these days to find people at home at any given time.) Many of the residents have written letters to your office.

On Oct. 3, 2020 I also wrote to your office. Perhaps I did not state properly that we wish to make a motion to intervene. If my prior letter did not make that clear, please consider this letter as a request for intervention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Walter Madaris
26 W. Airview Dr.
Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

Encl: Notice of proposed sewer rate increase from Bluegrass Water
 Petition signed by customers of Bluegrass Water.

NOTICE

Bluegrass Water has filed an application with the Public Service Commission proposing to increase its monthly sewer rate from \$41.30 to \$96.14, an increase of 132.4%, Bluegrass Water believes it could justify a rate increase of 132.4% based upon its operating costs. but has requested the much tower increase to reduce the burden upon its customers. Bluegrass Water is also proposing to begin charging a surcharge of \$1.19 per month for 36 months to pay for sewer tine repairs and replacements mandated by the Kentucky Division of Water- The proposed effective date of the change is October 31, 2020.

Monthly Rate:

<u>Current</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
Flat Rate	\$41.36	Fiat Rate	\$96.14
Surcharge	\$ 0000	Surcharge	\$000

<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>	
<u>USAGE</u>			
ALL USAGE	\$41.36	\$96.14	132.4%
SURCHARGE	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$000</u>	
TOTAL BILL	\$41.36	\$96.14	132.4%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Bluegrass Water. - However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that are higher or lower than the rates proposed in this notice-

Any corporation, association body politic, or person may request *Leave to intervene: by motion within thirty (30) days after notice of the proposed rate change is given. A motion to intervene shall be in writing, shall be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 406021 and shall set forth the grounds for the motion, including the status and interest of the party movant Copies of the application. may be obtained at no charge from the utility office at Bluegrass Water. Upon request from an intervenors, the utility shall furnish to the intervenor a copy of the application and supporting documents.

Bluegrass Water.

We, the undersigned residents of Airview Estates Subdivision, want to voice our opinion that the proposed increase submitted by Bluegrass Water, is excessive. Between the monthly increase of \$41.36 and the requested increase of \$54.78 they are requesting an increase of approximately 132.4%. We are all aware the price of goods and supplies has increased, but this request is ludicrous. LG&E requested and was granted an increase in January 2010 of 12.1%. LWC's proposed increase in their 2010 budget meeting was 4.5 to 5.5%. MSD had a rate increase this year of 6.5%.

As recently as 2008/09 MSD has tried to purchase the facility. The following is an excerpt from Wave 3 internet post dated November 12, 2008.

<http://www.wave3.com/story/9340895/neighborhood-continues-fight-to-have-msd-take-over-sewage-treatment-plant?redirected=true>

WAVE 3 asked Brian Bingham, Regulatory Services Director with MSD, just what the holdup is. "It has always been a priority but there haven't been any active negotiations in recent times," Bingham said. Bingham added that there have been ongoing negotiations to buy out the plant, but they have always broken down over its price tag. "They are a for-profit company and I would assume they do make a profit on it," says Bingham.

A reasonable rate increase may be necessary. This request is beyond the realm of reason. If the owners of this for-profit company cannot efficiently run the company at the current rates or a reasonable increase, they should finally sell it.

Sincerely Yours

(On behalf of the Residents of Airview Estates)

Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

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

Walter Madaris
26 W. Airview Dr.
Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701

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BLUEGRASS WATER

Utility Operating Company

A CSWR Managed Utility

Rate Comparison Table

Type of Charge	Service Area	Present Rates (per month)	Proposed Rates (per month)	Change Requested	
				\$	%
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%

Petition Against Bluegrass Water Company

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26 W Airview Dr
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Event: Petition

Date: _____

Print Name	Signature	Agree	Disagree
1. Erika Dugas	Erika Dugas		E.D.
2. JAMES CAMPBELL	James Campbell		Jal.
3. Kathy Jurcak	Kathy Jurcak		KJ
4. TIFFANY BRICE	Tiffany Brice		TB
5. Travis M. Hobbs	Travis M. Hobbs		TMH
6. Jody Brann	Jody Brann		JB
7. RICHARD BUCKLE	Richard Buckle		RB
8. Dee Neaderhiser	Dee Neaderhiser		D.N.
9. Darlene McCoy	Darlene McCoy		DM
10. Patrick Williams	Patrick Williams		PW
11. Melane Bruner	Melane Bruner		MB
12. Tim Pettisraw	Tim Pettisraw		TP
13. Bobby Lane	Bobby Lane		BL
14. Joshua Chavis	Joshua Chavis		JC
15. Russell Devett	Russell Devett		RD
16. Tracy Smith	Tracy Smith		TS
17. Elliott Dennison	Elliott Dennison		ED
18. Bonnie Figg	Bonnie Figg		BF
19. Mary Stalman	Mary Stalman		MS
20. Scott Chaud	Scott Chaud		SC
21. Mary HUFFINES	Mary Huffines		MH
22. Mike Aubrey	Mike Aubrey		MA

23.	Barbara Grubbs Barbara Grubbs		BL
24.	Ivet Cortes M	icm	IC
25.	Thomas Keener	TK	TK

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Print Name	Signature	Agree	Disagree
1. Tommy Furlong	Tommy Furlong		TF
2. Michael Wright	Michael Wright		MW
3. Jenni Lee H.	Jenni Lee H.		JLH
4. Kevin Vincent	Kevin Vincent		K.V.
5. Rebecca Burkay	Rebecca Burkay		R.B.
6. Jeanette LeMar	Jeanette LeMar		JL
7. Nicole Russell	Nicole Russell		NRH
8. Jennifer Benningfield	Jennifer Benningfield		J.B.
9. Christopher Benningfield	Christopher Benningfield		C.B.
10. Maria Clark	Maria Clark		MCC
11. Jenny Slaughter	Jenny Slaughter		J.S.
12. David Surgen	David Surgen		D.S.
13. Danyel Morgan	Danyel Morgan		D.M.
14. Michael Harper	Michael Harper		M.H.
15. Michael Ford	Michael Ford		M.F.
16. Pete Meyer	Pete Meyer		P.M.
17. Curtis Pedrick	Curtis Pedrick		C.P.
18. Amanda Pedrick	Amanda Pedrick		A.P.
19. James Estrades	James Estrades		J.E.
20. MARY L Thompson	Mary L Thompson		M.L.T.
21. Cameron Gray	Cameron Gray		C.G.
22. Georgia Bryson	Georgia Bryson		G.B.

23.	Derwin White	<i>Derwin White</i>	DW
24.	Sandra Coy	<i>Sandra Coy</i>	SC
25.	Laura Keelava	<i>Laura Keelava</i>	LK

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Print Name	Signature	Agree	Disagree
1. Richard Pease II			X
2. PHILIP STEPHEN			X
3. Robert Brewer			X Robert Brewer
4. Rose Harned			X Rose Harned
5. ORA STURM			X
6. Linda Hamler			X Linda Hamler
7. Brandon Hamler			X
8. Anna Martin			X Anna Martin
9. DAVID Temple			X David Temple
10. GARY MCCORMICK			X Gary McCormick
11. HARA WILSON			X
12. Wanda Brown			X Wanda Brown
13. ALVIN HOLLIS			X Alvin Hollis
14. Carlos Roman			X Carlos Roman
15. LINDA HOWARD			X Linda Howard
16. James Goldsmith			X James Goldsmith
17. Deborah Brainin			X
18. Lilly Kosikas			X Lilly Kosikas
19. Brian Green			X Brian Green
20. Janet Henson			X Janet Henson
21. Jenin Henson			X
22. ADAM CHAVEZ			X

23.	Katelyn Willard	Katelyn Willard			
24.	Imogene E. Tessey	Imogene E. Tessey			
25.	Darlene Furlong	Darlene Furlong			

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Print Name	Signature	Agree	Disagree
1. Lori Will	Lori Will		✓
2. HERSHAW	Hershaw		✓
3. Beverly Roll	Beverly Roll		✓
4. Olivia Younza	Olivia Younza	✓	oy
5. KEN LAWRENCE	Ken Lawrence		✓
6. Christopher Waters	Chris Waters		✓
7. MARGARET DALTON	Margaret Dalton		MD
8. Carlos Herrera	Carlos Herrera		✓
9. Brian Stone	Brian Stone		BS
10. Shawn Smith	Shawn Smith		S.S.
11. Bonnie Darling	Bonnie Darling		BD
12. Anthony Mings	Anthony Mings		AM
13. Megan Milburn	Megan Milburn		MM
14. Clayton Jeffries	Clayton Jeffries		CJ
15. Ella Kahler	Ella L. Kahler		ek
16. Dominic Madaris	Dominic Madaris		DM
17. RYAN GESNER	Ryan Gesner		RG
18. Will Crawford	Will Crawford		W.C.
19. Octavia Gregory	Octavia Gregory		OG
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21.			
22.			

23.			
24.			
25.			