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Attached please find a motion to intervene in case #2020-00290

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Motion to Intervene Case # 2020-00290

**Dear Commission Members:** 

My wife and I currently reside in Pine Bluff Shores subdivision currently served by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company in the Center Ridge #2 service area. We have owned this property since 1994 and are both currently retired and living on fixed income sources as are most residents on our street. Bluegrass Water has proposed a whopping 364.4% increase in our water rates raising the annual rate to \$1,270.08. There has been no justification for this exorbitant increase. Since acquiring the Center Ridge Water District, Bluegrass Water has proposed no improvements to the system which in general is in fair condition. They have shown an increased visibility in routine water sampling and now post "boil water" advisories at the entrance to the subdivision when warranted but otherwise nothing has changed from the previous owner. The entire distribution system was replaced in 2005.

While some operating cost increase can be expected since our last rate increase granted in 2011, it's somewhat stereotypical for larger utility companies to propose large rate increases to scare customers into accepting a more palatable but still large increase. In my opinion, a reasonable increase should be in the neighborhood of 25%, more in line with the less than 12% cost of living in this area since the 2011 increase and brings our rates in line with other water districts in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John and Donna Coyle

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