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Dear Public Service Commission Representative,

Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company has just informed the homeowners of Kingswood Subdivision that they are asking for an increase for our sewer bill of 147.5%. This would take our monthly rate from \$38.84 to \$96.14. They state that since purchasing the facility in 2019, they have had to invest significant funds for improvement. This is not true. I live next to the facility, I am retired and I walk my dogs in the area almost every day. The only improvements they have made is to nail a few fence boards back up and place gravel on the driveway.

They purchased eight (8) facilities in 2019. Their engineering report, filed before purchase, states that "No deficiencies were identified for the Persimmon Ridge plant or the Kingswood plant."

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The full engineering survey has since been redacted but it also showed at the time of purchase that there were no issues with our plant and it was more than adequate to handle the number of homes it serviced.

Six of the treatment plants they purchased show they needed significant work including a complete rebuild. I do not think it fair to make us pay for other neighborhoods who have not maintained their system as we have done since 1998.

This increase for the 126 homes would give them an increase of \$86,637.60 per year. Talking with their employees, the only improvement they plan for our facility is a remote monitoring system.

I am also a committee member on our homeowner's association. We strive to keep our neighborhood property values high and very marketable for those wishing to sell. A sewer bill of this magnitude would be a big deterrent for prospective buyers. The Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District charges its customers the same as their monthly water bill. My monthly water bill averages less than \$60. To have a flat rate of \$96.14 is way too high.

I do understand that anytime a company buys another company they want to quickly increase their profits but an increase of 147.5% is robbery in my opinion since we have no options but to be connected to the plant.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue and to deny Bluegrass Water this unrealistic rate increase.

Thank you,

Nick and Holly Richardson

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