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October 19, 2020

Executive Director
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
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Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Motion to Intervene

Dear Director:

I own a home located at 115 Lakepoint Ln., in New Concord, Kentucky, 42076. The home is serviced with water by the Center Ridge Water District, owned and managed by Bluegrass Utility Operating Company, headquartered at P.O. Box 790379, in St. Louis, MO. 63179.

I was recently apprised of the fact that the Center Ridge Water District has filed an application to increase its water rates, effective 10/31/2020. The proposed increase amounts to an astounding 364.4% rate hike. I feel that this is an extreme increase for several reasons that I will list.

- Service is not metered so all customers pay the same regardless of actual usage.
- Many if not the majority of homes served by this District, are vacation and summer homes, with minimal usage in many months.
- It is my understanding that the Water District is privately owned, with no representation of its customers.
- Owner evidently just recently purchased this Water District this past year. They claim that the System needs improvements of millions of dollars, after making the purchase but prior to requesting a rate increase. It seems that most good business principles would secure its funding before making the purchase.
- Being aware of the socio-economic makeup of the Center Ridge District, I can say without any hesitation that a 364% increase in water rates will devastate the community served. Many people will have no choice but to terminate water service and either move from the community or bring in water from another source. Real estate values will be drastically impacted by this action if approved. No one in their right mind would consider investing in property where the monthly charge for water is over \$100 per month, regardless of usage.

I intend to request a copy of the application and supporting documents from the utility owner, meanwhile I would like to adamantly file my opposition to this proposed rate increase. Should the Commission seriously consider granting this increase, then I would request that the utility be

required to install meters and begin charging based on usage instead of a flat rate. I would be more than happy to bear the cost of the meter, should this requirement be considered.

Sincerely,

Tony Thompson