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From: [PSC Public Information Officer](#)
To: [PSC Executive Director](#)
Subject: FW: Request For Intervention Regarding Case #2020-00290
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From: Megan Huerta [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
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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 proposed rate increase is **criminal** as we are without a choice in other providers because this company is the company we are **FORCED** to work with or be without basic health and safety standards in sewer service. 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.

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." https://psc.ky.gov/.../20190531BW_MtnConftTreatment_for... 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. Apparently, the only improvement they plan for our facility is a remote monitoring system, that doesn't seem like a fair market value for us or any homeowner considering a 147% utility bill increase in what is typically one of the most reasonable costing utilities.

For comparison, the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District charges its

customers the same as their monthly water bill. My monthly water bill averages \$21 with my sewer bill at \$39 for a total of \$60 for Both Services. To have a flat rate of \$96.14 for just the sewer 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 request that you **DENY** Bluegrass Water this unrealistic rate increase as it breaches our communities trust.

Sincerely,

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