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Re: Request of Intervention in Case No. 2020-00290

From: Phil Hazle and Judy Adams  
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My wife and I own a home and I have resided in the Pine Bluff area of the Center Ridge Water District for over 35 years.

We received a notice by mail in September that Blue Grass Water System of St. Louis was proposing a rate increase from 22.79 to 105\$ monthly.... or 364% increase. This request is outrageous and not justified.

When Bluegrass applied with the PSC to buy the system, they stated improvements would be made through loans and equity capital. The commission approved the transaction. Now, we get notice of this unfair rate increase proposal. I contacted Bluegrass by phone and asked what specific improvements were planned for the Pine Bluff section of Center ridge Water. The employee could not give me any.

The Center Ridge area, except for property on Ky. Lake, is economically depressed. A large number of the homes are part time trailers and cabins containing less than 1,000 sq. ft. Many of the full-time residents are on fixed income or unemployed. Many can barely afford to pay their electric bill. The small lot sizes prevent property owners from having individual water wells.

Keep in mind the bulk of the proposed expenditures involve outdated sewer systems in other parts of the state. There is no sewer proposal for Center Ridge only water maintenance. The State and Federal government provided a \$200,000 grant in about 2005 and updated all the water distribution lines and cutoffs in the Pine Bluff area. This system seems to be doing well provided it receives routine maintenance.

The City of Murray provides water for non-city residents in Calloway Co. for less than \$22 per month. In 2011 we experienced a rate increase by Center Ridge Water. Since that time the consumer price index for social security recipients has risen by less than 15%.

It is ironic Bluegrass is trying to get a 364% rate increase for the most economically depressed area that needs the least money spent for improvements. There are no sewer service improvements listed because everyone one has individual septic systems.

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Bluegrass is trying to cast a big net to have the water customers of Center Ridge to pay for some other more expensive improvements elsewhere. I am opposed to paying for another systems' serious problems.

Thankfully, the Public Service Commission is in place to help protect Kentucky consumers from out of State companies like Blue Grass Water System of St. Louis.

Thank you.