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

Re: Request for Intervention case 2020-00290; specifically Center Ridge Case 2019-00360

Dear Director:

I own a seasonal home located at 295 Terrace Drive, Murray, Kentucky 42071. Water service to our home is part of the Center Ridge Water District in Calloway County, Kentucky. Our water district was recently purchased by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC. The company is managed by Central States Water Resources, a Missouri company. Central States Water Resources was form by Josiah Cox in 2014 after he filed for bankruptcy the same year. Bluegrass was organized to purchase small water and sewer districts in Kentucky less than 6 months previous to their request to raise water and sewer rates by excessive percentages. This company recently purchased these districts fully aware of the improvements needed. The relatively low purchase prices reflect their awareness and Bluegrass should have acquired their own funding as part of their purchase of the systems. Now, this company who has not been in business in our state long enough to establish a good standing working relationship within Kentucky, wants to raise rates. Whereas, the proposed rate increase shifts all the risk from the investor, Josiah Cox dba Bluegrass/Central States Water to the ratepayers. These rates are proposed to become effective 10/31/2020 without any improvements to date. We as home owners have absolutely no guarantee that any of the proposed improvements will be made. After improvements are made, then a more reasonable rate increase request could be proposed.

Sincerely,



Larry Lilly
295 Terrace Dr.
Murray, KY 42071

