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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. The only improvements they have made is to nail a few fence boards back up, placed gravel on the sewer entrance and occasionally they drive through the neighborhood to monitor.

They purchased eight facilities in 2019. Their engineering report, filed before purchase, stated that "No deficiencies were identified for the Kingswood plant."

The report can be found at:

[https://psc.ky.gov/pscecf/2019-](https://psc.ky.gov/pscecf/2019-00104/kyunker@mcbayerfirm.com/05312019073517/20190531BW_MtnConfTreatment_for_Resp_DR.pdf)

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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 126 homes it serviced.

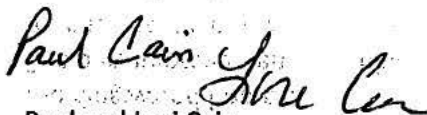
Six of the treatment plants they purchased show they needed significant work including a complete rebuild. I do not think it fair to make us pay for other neighborhoods who have not maintained their system, as we have done since 1998. This increase is a \$86,637 per year for the Kingswood homes.

The only improvement that Bluegrass Water is planning for our neighborhood is a remote monitoring system which would eliminate my above-mentioned occasional drive by monitoring.

Our neighborhood strives to keep our 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. I do understand that anytime a company buys another company they want to quickly increase their profits but an increase of 147.5% is ridiculous and far-reaching since we have no options but to be connected to the plant.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue and to deny Bluegrass Water this absurd rate increase.

Kindest Regards,



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