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To: Public Service Commission
Po Box 615
Frankfort, Ky 40602

Re: CASE # 2020 - 00290 Bluegrass Water Company
INCREASES for sewage treatment.

I've lived for 21 years in my house in
Persimmon Ridge Subdivision. We are just ONE
of the 13-14 subdivisions Bluegrass Water Company
of St. Louis Mo has acquired the sewage treatment
facilities in the last couple years.

In 1999, the year we built our home, Persimmon
Ridge charged \$19.00/month. We've had a few increases.
Two-three years ago the monthly rate went to
\$35.00. After purchasing the sewage facility
in 2019, ONE YEAR LATER Bluegrass is asking
for the outrageous increase (175%) to \$96.⁰⁰

They claim they have ALREADY invested
\$2.5 million and PLAN to invest another \$3.5 million

to our wastewater services. ^{1/8} 6 million
total!!

First, my neighbors and I have not
SEEN ANY WORK BEING DONE AT THE FACILITY
AS OF TODAY (10-12-20). Second, our
subdivision has only 10-12 AVAILABLE
LOTS TO FINISH THE SUBDIVISION.

PLEASE REJECT THIS OUTRAGEOUS
REQUEST!

Thank you
Bruce Meyer
Bruce MEYER
118 Cherry Hills Lane
Louisville Ky 40245
Persimmon Ridge Homeowner.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to the proposed price raise on my monthly sewer bill by:

Bluegrass Water UOC, LLC
500 Northwest Plaza Drive
Suite 500
St. Ann, MO 63074

I live in the Great Oaks Subdivision and it's my understanding my bill will go from \$28.84 a month to \$96.14 a month. An increase of \$67.30 or 233.4%.

Why! My household consists of two people with a water usage of approximately 3,000 gallons a month, some of which did not enter sewer system such as watering flowers, washing car, etc. We are a retired couple living on a fixed

income and the increase of \$7.30 you
are unalterably committed by time
will place a firmship on an
already strained budget.

Please consider the impact this
will have on our community of
young families and retirees.

Sincerely,

Anna Flannery
5900 Magistrate Loop Drive
Paducah, KY 42003

September 12, 2020

Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company has filed with the Public Services Commission to raise residential monthly sewage rates 132.4% in my subdivision. We are already paying \$41.36 per month which is far above the average in this or any other state and the rate is the same for my household of 1 as it is for my neighbor's household of 8. They now want \$96.14 per month. That is more than 10% of my monthly \$929 Social Security.

Our rates are already absurdly high compared to anywhere else in the country and this proposal is not only ridiculous, it should be criminal. I simply cannot pay this much and WON'T even if I could. We deserve a rate reduction to statewide average. I ask the PSC staff considering this proposal to look at you own monthly sewer bill and decide this fairly.

Respectfully,

David L. Surgenor

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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. I live next to the facility; I work from my home office and my office window looks out over the facility. The only improvements they have made is to nail a few fence boards back up and place gravel on the driveway.

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_MtnConfTreatment_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. Talking with their employees, the only improvement they plan for our facility is a remote monitoring system.

We strive to keep our neighborhood 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. The Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District charges its customers the same as their monthly water bill. My monthly water bill averages less than \$62. a month. To have a flat rate of \$96.14 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 since we have no options but to be connected to the plant.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue and to deny Bluegrass Water this unrealistic rate increase.

Margaret Bohn
133 Diamond Ct.
Taylorsville, KY 40071



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Longview Homeowners Association
PO Box 731
Georgetown, KY 40324

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October 9, 2020

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P.O. Box 615

Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

On behalf of the Longview Estates Homeowners Association and board, we request that the PSC re-consider the rate adjustment submitted by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company which would increase our sewer rates by 220.5%. Bluegrass Water Utility purchased our sewer system within the last 18 months. The facility equipment was inspected and the sewer lines were smoke tested at that time. The company was aware of the potential needs for our small sewer system prior to the purchase and the associated costs would have been reflected in the price paid. We appreciate that Bluegrass Water (which is an out of state company) wants to provide safe and reliable service however, this rate increase comes at a very difficult time for our Longview Estates' residents and this rate is astronomical. Was our sewer system purchased with the intent of a quick upgrade to be financed by our residents, then a resale at a tidy profit? Whose to say? But, we are in the middle of a pandemic where many have experienced unemployment and financial difficulties. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to inflict suffering and create difficulties across Kentucky and our families shouldn't have to worry about an increase of over 200% for sewer services. It would be greatly appreciated if PSC would work with Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company and propose something more reasonable.

Kind Regards,

Valerie Crouch

Longview Estates Homeowners Association President

Cc: Chad Wallace, Scott Co. Magistrate District 3
Damon Thayer, Kentucky Senator, District 17
Mitch McConnell, United States Senator
Andy Barr, U.S. Representative, KY 6th District



September 30, 2020

Dear Customer:

We're writing to update you on the water or wastewater services that serve your community.

Since purchasing the infrastructure that serves your home, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company (Bluegrass Water) has invested nearly \$2.5 million in urgently needed improvements in Kentucky communities to ensure you, your families and neighbors have access to clean, safe and reliable drinking water and wastewater systems. Additionally, Bluegrass Water intends to invest an additional \$3.5 million to ensure safe and reliable service. These improvements include remote monitoring equipment at each location to assure facilities are closely tracked and work properly at all times; sewer plant improvements to ensure proper treatment, including flow equalization, replacement of blowers, pipes, and diffusers in aeration tankage, and many more improvements. As a result of these efforts and additional improvements planned for the next 18 months, Bluegrass Water expects to submit a request on September 30, 2020, to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for a general adjustment of rates charged for service in order to increase annual water operating revenues by \$336,747 and sewer operating revenues by \$2,177,052.

Please take notice of the following information about the proposed rate adjustment that is presented below and *on the enclosed sheet*:

The PSC, the state agency that regulates all utility services in Kentucky, will rule on this request and may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates found in this notice. *On the enclosed sheet* is a table that compares present and proposed rates and the amount of the change requested (in dollar and percentage change) for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply. The date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the PSC is September 30, 2020; the proposed effective date of the rates is for service rendered on and after October 31, 2020. As there are only flat rates included in the existing tariff or which affect existing customers, the average customer usage is unknown and the average bill in each service area relates directly to the current rates per month shown in the enclosed sheet.

By prior arrangement, you may examine Bluegrass Water's application at the offices of McBrayer PLLC, 201 East Main Street, Suite 900, Lexington, Kentucky; please contact Holly Lewis at 859-551-3648 or hlewis@mcbrayerfirm.com to visit the McBrayer offices to examine the application. Bluegrass Water's application may also be examined at the PSC's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application or timely requests for intervention (establishing the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the requester) may be submitted to the PSC through its website or by mail to:

Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention establishing the grounds for the request (including the status and interest of the party) within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the PSC may take final action on the application.

Josiah Cox

President

Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, Inc.



BLUEGRASS WATER

Utility Operating Company

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Rate Comparison Table

Type of Charge	Service Area	Present Rates (per month)	Proposed Rates (per month)	Change Requested	
				\$	%
Total Monthly Sewer – Single Residential per unit					
	Airview Estates	\$41.36	\$96.14	\$54.78	132.4%
	Brocklyn Subdivision- Single Unit	\$40.00	\$96.14	\$56.14	140.4%
	Fox Run Estates	\$55.85	\$96.14	\$40.29	72.1%
	Great Oaks Subdivision	\$28.84	\$96.14	\$67.30	233.4%
	Golden Acres Subdivision	\$39.57	\$96.14	\$56.57	143.0%
	Kingswood Development	\$38.84	\$96.14	\$57.30	147.5%
	Lake Columbia Estates	\$50.32	\$96.14	\$45.82	91.1%
	Longview and Homestead Subdivisions	\$30.00	\$96.14	\$66.14	220.5%
	Persimmon Ridge Subdivision	\$35.00	\$96.14	\$61.14	174.7%
	City of River Bluff and environs	\$58.16	\$96.14	\$37.98	65.3%
	Timberland Subdivision	\$34.71	\$96.14	\$61.43	177.0%
Total Monthly Sewer – Multi Residential per unit					
	Brocklyn Subdivision – Multi Unit	\$30.40	\$72.11	\$41.71	137.2%
Total Monthly Sewer Bill – Commercial (Flat)					
	Persimmon Ridge Subdivision	\$35.00 per residential equivalent of 12,000 gallons	\$240.36	\$205.36	234.7%
Total Monthly Sewer – Industrial/Commercial (Metered)					
	I-75 & Delaplain Road interchange area (Scott County)	\$8.89 per 1000 gal	\$25.65 per 1000 gal	\$16.76	188.52%
Total Monthly Water Bill - Residential					
	Center Ridge	\$22.79	\$105.84	\$83.05	364.4%