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PO Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

October 8, 2020

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 on page 7 #2, "No deficiencies were identified for the Kingswood plant."

The report can be found at:

https://psc.ky.gov/pscecf/2019-00104/kyunker@mcbayerfirm.com/05312019073517/20190531BW_MtnConftTreatment_for_Resp_DR.pdf.

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 occasion 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,



Mike and Tabitha Moore
450 Kingswood Drive
Taylorsville, KY 40071

3605 East Locust Circle
Prospect, KY 40059
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Dear Public Service Commission:

Bluegrass Water Company has proposed a rate increase for multiple subdivisions. My home is located in City of River Bluff Farms, and I am impacted by the proposed rates. Please, do not grant this utility increase.

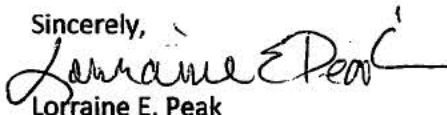
The company has requested a 65.3% rate increase. Other neighborhoods have been hit with other more sizeable increases.

Yes, Bluegrass Water says they have "invested \$2.5 Million in urgently needed improvements." The company should have factored a portion of these costs into the price when they purchased the sewer system that served my neighborhood.

I understand utility companies are insured a profit, but the proposed rate increases are unwarranted, especially in this time period. Bluegrass Water is asking for this large rate increase at a time where many homeowners are already losing financial ground due to the effects of Covid 19. In my neighborhood, many people, such as me, are retirees on fixed incomes. The requested increase, well over the current inflation rate, is staggering.

Do not grant Bluegrass Water the rate increases they propose. To do so would cause hardship for many Kentuckians.

Sincerely,



Lorraine E. Peak

October 12, 2020

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to the proposed increase to our monthly water usage/bill at the residence located at 35 Dixie Drive, Murray, KY. (**Center Ridge Subdivision – Case #2020-00290**). As we understand, Bluegrass Water Operating Company is proposing an increase to our monthly usage charge by **364.4%** ... this is completely above and beyond outrageous. We do understand that sometimes a new company needs to “adjust” their ratings, but this suggested increase is borderline corruptive. We just purchased this property in June as a vacation home and this recommended fluctuation in our monthly water bill will double what we pay at our permanent residence which honestly is absurd.

Furthermore, according to the subdivision “list” that was included in the letter we received from Bluegrass Water, our particular subdivision is the highest proposed increase out of them all – exceeding some by **300%**. We implore you to reconsider such an enormous increase and deny the proposition. Help us maintain a monthly rate that is more affordable for all involved, especially for those of us who are not permanent residents. We feel it would be erroneous on your part to not intervene and assist us in fixing this issue.

With that being said, we emphatically thank you in advance for any and all cooperation in resolving this matter.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The top signature is 'Patrick Seyer' and the bottom signature is 'Audrey Seyer'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrick & Audrey Seyer

35 Dixie Drive, Murray, KY 42071

Center Ridge Subdivision – Case #2020-00290