

# FAX COVER SHEET

TO	Ky Public Service Commission
COMPANY	KPSC
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RE	Case 2020-000290

## COVER MESSAGE

Please accept this fax for my filing of a complaint toward this case mentioned above.

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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
Address: P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Dear Madam or Sir,

RE: Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC, Case 2020-00290  
Cedar Ridge Water Utility District #2

I am sending this communication to you in regard to a **384% rate increase** the utility named above is requesting for Cedar Ridge Utility District #2 in Calloway County, Ky.

I think it is important for the PSC to know we as residents of the Cedar Ridge Utility district #2 **was not notified of the sale** of our water service and **we should have been**. We should have been able to have some input into who bought our water services and we were not notified. **Please deny** this increase and have Bluegrass Water LLC **come back to our district** and have a meeting with us as residence about this **awful price increase of 384%**.

For many years the utility district has been provided water at a reasonable rate and also a compatible rate of other utility districts in Western Kentucky. For instance the rate for Murray, Ky Municipal Utilities:

Their minimum charge for water only is for 2000 gallons and the monthly charge including sales tax, and school tax is:

\$14.66 in city limits

\$22.83 out of city limits

For Mayfield, Ky:

\$10.12 in city limits

\$15.45 out of city limits

For Sedalia, Ky:

Normal monthly water bills are approximately \$20.

Cedar Ridge Utility District only provides water and no sewer for Cedar Ridge Utility District #2. We've not had any ongoing issues and the water that has been provided is clean.

We live in an area that has a majority of retired people. Due to this, this rate increase will **cause financial harm** to the a majority of property owners of this utility district. This rate increase could cause residence in the covered area **to not have enough money for food and drugs**.

We are in a time that businesses have been locked down by the Governor, people have been confined to their houses, people have been sick and can't work, **people have been laid off from their jobs** due to the covid 19 illness. **Paychecks have stopped**. This is not a time to increase any cost to any one, especially those on fixed income.

**Water is a necessity for life!** The human body can only survive from 3 to 10 days without water. Without water there is death. Because of this I am sure you understand that having water to our homes is of ultimate importance. **A rate increase such as this is out of reason, a 384% increase!!! Unconscionable!** The company requesting this has not even had a community meeting explaining the need to raise the rate or the anticipate project to pay for this increase. They could have asked for a rate increase to cover any additional cost and then have the rate decrease back to the amount paying now. So, as requested, after all the projects are completed and they keep the rate at \$110 a month, that becomes profit for them. It's a **travesty** to allow this company to make a profit such as this on the backs of mostly Kentucky retired rural citizens and rural citizens. **Please deny this rate increase** and tell the Bluegrass Water LLC to come back to the citizens and work something out with us that is understandable and reasonable.

We need strong leadership from the KY PSC that will work for the property owners in Kentucky.

**Please do not approve this increase.**

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