

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2020-00290 (Bluegrass Water Rate Case)
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 12:37:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00290, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00290.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Rhonda Chadwick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 9:57 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; Rhonda Chadwick [REDACTED]
Subject: Case # 2020-00290 (Bluegrass Water Rate Case)

My name is Rhonda Chadwick, my husband (Herlie) and I live at 204 Marguerite Blvd., New Concord, Ky 42076.

We received a letter on Friday 05/07/2021 stating that there is to be a hearing on May 18 and 19, to discuss an adjustment of Rate and Approval of construction, Case # 2020-00290. At the beginning of this letter it starts by saying, after implementing professional operations and investing more than \$5,000,000 in improving water and wastewater infrastructure in your community, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company (Bluegrass Water) is working to ensure you have access to clean, safe, and reliable drinking water and wastewater systems.

In this community we have a community well, there is NO wastewater system, we all have septic tanks on our property. So there is no need for any WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE. To my knowledge there has only been a difference in the amount of chlorine and chemicals being added to our water that makes it undrinkable even with my own filtering system attached to my sink, we still have very little water pressure during peak weekends, when there tends to be more residents visiting their lake homes, which has been happening here since 1990. So the amount of \$5,000,000 already spent?? I and several of my neighbors would like to see where this money was already spent.

The proposal we received for our water bills to be increased by over 300% is an outrage. In no other surrounding communities pay as much as Bluegrass Water wants to charge us. Our

community has know problem paying for water we use, but charging us a flat monthly bill is not going to work considering a lot of people only use their homes here a couple weekends a year. We are full time residents, but we are OTR Drivers and we are gone over the road for 4 to 6 weeks at a time and sometimes longer, why should I be responsible for paying a flat rate of 300% more than what I am paying now for water I didn't use? Or people who only use their homes here for a couple weekends a year?

I am a concerned home owner in this community and would appreciate my voice being heard.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns.

Mr. & Mrs. Herlie Chadwick

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
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Subject: RE: Public Comment for Bluegrass Water Case 2020-00290
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Subject: Public Comment for Bluegrass Water Case 2020-00290

From:
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Dear Karen,

I'm reaching out to see whether you can help me make a public comment on the Bluegrass Water Application for Rate Changes and Construction. I would like these comments to be included in the public hearing set for tomorrow, May 18 for Case 2020-00290.

The rate increase in my Delaplain neighborhood of Georgetown, KY is projected to go from \$12.50/mo to \$96.14/mo for sewer only (not water and sewer).

As my public service commission, I need your help advocating against such a huge increase. To put years of deferred maintenance, and years more of continuing service, for an expensive water system onto a few rural customers on the kind of payback schedule that Bluegrass projects is a burden much greater than what seems reasonable.

Additionally, I understand, from the very welcome communications that I receive from Gov

Beshear (now that I am on Governor's Update email list), that millions of Kentucky taxpayer dollars are going toward the improvement of municipal sewer systems all over the state. As a Kentucky taxpayer, and a rural Kentuckian, I expect that state financing would be available to lower the impact on my neighbors for the overhaul of our sewer system. Perhaps the state could help spread the payments out over more years and thereby lower the rate, or contribute directly to the upgrades, or allocate inexpensive debt to the utility provider and direct that they keep rates reasonable.

Our rates should not be many times that of comparable rates in the municipalities of Lexington and Georgetown. According to Georgetown Municipal Water <https://gmwss.com/rates.htm>, the average municipal Georgetown residential consumer rate for water and sewer combined will be \$48.34/mo for the new rates beginning 7/1/2021. I already pay the lowest Kentucky American rate for water at approx. \$25/mo. That means, to be comparable, I'd be paying \$23.34 for my sewer rate to be comparable with other Georgetown customers for combined water and sewer rates.

As individual rural customers in small neighborhoods, we have very little voice without the help of our Public Utilities Commission. Please help us with our rural sewage consumer needs. Please prohibit Bluegrass Water from making this rate increase. And, stop them from making changes that would cause our rates to be higher in the future.

Best,
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