

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case_2020-00290
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:49:00 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: Bonnie and Bubba [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 6:49 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case_2020-00290

Here are my written comments for the 2020-00290 hearing on May 18.

Having received notification that Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company has filed a rate application to take over the sewer system for Carriage Park Subdivision in West Paducah, KY, 42086, Case # 2020-00290, I was utterly amazed at the proposed excessive increase from our current \$16 per month to over \$96 per month. This 500% increase in the sewer rate is to cover proposed improvements. My wife and I have lived in Carriage Park subdivision for 15 years and the system has worked well and continues to work well. As justification for the rate increase, Bluegrass Water discusses an access road needing to be installed to the lagoon, varmint holes in the lagoon berm, and repairs to an existing chain link fence (around the lagoon).

There is already an access road to the lagoon and with a very small amount of cleanup, gravel, and installation of a low water crossing, there should be **no reason** for extensive improvements costing over \$100,000. If there are varmint holes in the lagoon berm (as Bluegrass Water attests) then these, along with repairs to the chain link fence need to be made. However, I have walked these areas down and DO NOT find issues of a significant concern. In no way should these minor repairs necessitate a 500% increase in sewer fees. With the number of households in the subdivision having a proposed rate increase at 500%, the payback would be less than 5 years. There should be no reason for this type increase on

the part of any reputable company.

What if your electric bill, your house payment, your natural gas bill or any other reoccurring bill were raised 500%? It would be devastating. Not only is this type increase not valid, it isn't ethical. Bluegrass Water Utility knew exactly what they were buying when they bought the systems and knew the conditions at the time of sale. When they indicate they have made improvements in the community, that isn't true. They have made (or propose) improvements in individual subdivisions (that stand alone and have their individual sewer systems apart from each other). Bluegrass is trying to lump them as a massive group in order to justify higher bills. Homeowners purchased their individual home knowing each was on a stand alone sewer system for that subdivison and each system would have it's own upkeep and maintenance costs. The systems do not tie to any other sewer system. We did not buy the home with any intent to take care of someone else's system. If it were the Joint Sewer Association of McCracken County and the county was forcing us to join, then it might be acceptable (as the rates would make more sense). As it is, this is a private company trying to make a bundle of money by taking advantage of customers. I don't believe Bluegrass Water was forthright with the developers of our subdivision when the transfer of sewer responsibility was made, otherwise it would not have happened. In short, the Public Service Commission should not allow Bluegrass Water Utility to impose these exorbitant rates and should, in fact be held accountable for their extortion attempt.

Sincerely
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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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Attachments: [Letter to PSC after April 29th PSC comments.pdf](#)

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From: Mary Lynne Krill [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:44 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Information regarding Bluegrass Water's petition for rate hike for Randview Lagoon

Please accept my submission for consideration in the attached file (in its entirety). I am also forwarding this file to the KY Attorney General's office, to several public officials, fellow members of our lagoon, our legal representative, et alia.

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

May 6, 2021

Dear Ms. Linda C. Bridwell, PE.

CASE NO. 2020-00290

For the most part, this writing is in response to your **“Commission Staff’s Fourth Request For Information to Bluegrass Water Utility Operating, LLC”**.

Members of the Randview Lagoon System would like to express our appreciation to you for your continued interest towards a positive outcome of our sewer system. Your recent letter of citation to Bluegrass Water, dated April 29, is indicative of that interest (we feel) to ascertain a better solution to our present situation. Questions #11 thru #15 are especially noteworthy to members of our Randview Lagoon Membership (presently we are approximately 55 houses in total). You, representing the PSC, have requested some very astute and revealing information. Unfortunately, we members of Randview don’t have much confidence in the responses (which may or may not be forthcoming), that could provide the answers and/or information the PSC is (and should be) looking for....And, more importantly, the information that is **essential** to discover the **best** manner to move forward for our system. Personally, I feel that their answers will continue to obfuscate, in order to continue with their profit-motive plan to maximize their interest at the cost of our West Kentucky lagoon members (Randview subdivision).

Many of our membership would like to hear just how Bluegrass Water could possibly answer #11 **truthfully**. Does the PSC seriously think that this company would have investigated any means to connect (attach) with the services of another “sewer service provider” that could provide the capacity and facility to fulfill our needs ??! AND, if they knew of a “**nearest known facility**”, does the PSC really expect Bluegrass Water would have “obtained an estimate or otherwise investigated what it would cost to connect any of its systems to the facilities of another sewer provider” ??! AND STILL MORE... does the PSC remotely think that they would **have “ had any communication with a city, county, or other entity”** in which they could possibly attach one or more of its systems to an existing municipal system ??! ... Is the PSC really **THAT** surprised ?!

Answers to these questions, many of us feel, are quite evident to us already. Please reference Bluegrass Water’s introductory letters to our Randview lagoon membership, November 19, 2020..... They **NEVER** mentioned or considered ANY other facility or jurisdiction to be involved in finding ANY solution to our stated “problem” (THEIR WORDS..... “**The Randview wastewater system is unable to properly treat wastewater because of the system’s failing lagoon. WE plan to make improvements to address the issues with your sewer system.**”.....PERIOD.

NONE OF THEIR STATED PLAN INCLUDED ANYTHING YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR #11. ----- **Randview Lagoon members have** talked with the local city and county officials. We have talked with Mayfield Electric and Water, the public sewer system (**servicing residents of the same Randview Subdivision**, approximately 75 feet

from my residence !!)..... and NONE of our county or city or local utility members were contacted by Bluegrass, PRIOR to the November 19, 2020 letter....(And we would wager SINCE, over the issues you raise in your #11 inquiry). It is my opinion, shared by many other fellow members, that this company is seeking only to MAXIMIZE their returns on their purchase..... PERIOD....and will use any means at their disposal to justify their end to achieve that goal. (They are NOT a public utility, operating in the public's interest..... they are a FOR-PROFIT COMPANY, operating in their own interest FIRST).

Question: Is it true that they even repeatedly ignore YOU at the PSC, when you are requesting information ?

Perhaps there are just a few other questions, concerns, and remarks needed to be stated in this **Case 2020-00290**: ... We feel our PSC can definitely be a potential source for hope and progress in determining an "outcome" which will benefit the Kentucky citizens that they purportedly represent.

1) Did the PSC ever have our lagoon independently inspected by an authorized Kentucky state agency? When was that inspection performed, and what were the findings? Did those findings correspond to the statements made by Bluegrass Water as to the condition of our lagoon system? Does the PSC truly believe the claim by Bluegrass that they must/will invest over \$324,000 to bring our sewer system up to standard? In lieu of the PSC's #11 - #15 questions (see PSC document of April 29, 2021), does the PSC actually believe that Bluegrass Water has acted in "good faith and consideration" in determining a best outcome for the membership of the Randview lagoon sewer system? **Did YOU, the PSC**, ever inquire of, and have discussions with, any of our neighboring sewer systems, or municipalities, that could have been employed in a more economical manner in assisting our "failing Randview system" (i.e. the city of Mayfield, and its Mayfield Electric and Water and Sewer system)? **You at the PSC did, didn't you ?** ---- We can all be ASSURED that Bluegrass Water NEVER sought out any of that same cooperative method. **(It is my opinion that YOU, at the PSC, already know the answer to your #11 question of April 29, 2021).**

2) Is it the job of the PSC to sanction the sale of such an asset as the Randview Lagoon Sewer System? Given the inspection findings that certainly the PSC has in its hands, is it the job of the PSC to sanction a sale of an asset in such **disrepair** to an outside (out of state) FOR-PROFIT company, regardless of the ultimate cost to our Randview lagoon members? Bluegrass Water EXPECTS our PSC to approve their rate of \$96.14 per month from each of our Randview lagoon members, as a reward for their company's "planned efforts" (**Note: Our household bill at Mayfield Electric and Water and Sewer based on our water usage would cost us an average of \$20. per month.**) Does the PSC have the authority to recommend changes to the law that would prevent the sale of an asset in disrepair, and/or set fines on those individuals or companies that participate

in sales of that nature, which profit them at the public's expense? Is it also the jurisdiction of the PSC to make certain that proper records are reported and maintained in any sale of such assets to the proper recording agencies? Please correct me if I am wrong, but didn't Bluegrass report to the PSC that they paid \$20,000 for the purchase of our Lagoon? However, only \$10,000 was recorded at the Graves County Courthouse on the deed of transfer from Mr. Waldrop to Bluegrass Water UOC. To the best of our knowledge, no clarification from the PSC has yet been offered on the actual sales cost of our system to Bluegrass Water.

3) We are certain that the PSC is now aware of a recent letter from our Graves County Attorney, Mr. John Cunningham, to the Graves County Health Department. **(If you are not, we can very easily provide you with a copy).** Essentially, this letter represents his "findings" in regard to the situation we Randview Lagoon members presently abide..... Our "agreement" with our previous "trustee" (Waldrop) has been broken, and we can now request an inspection of our property (cost is \$150 dollars) from our local health department to move forward, if we so desire, with an installation of our own individual septic system.....leaving the Bluegrass Water UOC (and its outrageous "plan" to shear us like a bunch of sheep) behind. This can be, of course, a rather expensive method to avoid being further involved with the "Missouri Bluegrass business".... And, in some people's minds, a "step backwards" in the over all quality of our subdivision..... but it is a means for MANY of us in our community to right the wrong that is being perpetrated upon us. We (my wife and I), along with the many others who have already decided to do so, will consider this direction. Given the results of our inspection, I may even attempt to initiate an agreement with our local Mayfield Electric Company **(with our county's permission)** to provide their sewer services to us and several of our neighbors, by extending their sewer line through our property (along with land for a lift-pump station). Thanks to Mr. Cunningham, several of us may be freed from getting fleeced by the Missouri business. As I already mentioned, our lagoon membership includes approximately 55 households. I seriously doubt if that number will remain remotely close to that figure, especially if the PSC continues to allow Bluegrass to move forward with their plan, and charge us outrageous fees.

4). Lastly, I would like to point out to the PSC that members of our Randview Lagoon have been in contact with many public officials in our area and throughout the state. In these discussions, our members have not encountered ONE political (public) official that is supportive of the direction that has taken place with our system. Many have remarked that they are appalled at the behavior and lack of respect which we have received from our former "trustee" (both the father and son have been an utter disgrace) by their breaking of the trust in our agreement and not maintaining the standards of the Randview lagoon, and then selling our system (without any consideration to its membership) to the overt, self-serving, and closed profit-minded predator-company named Bluegrass Water.

----- Our hope is that the PSC, along with dedicated local and state officials, and local business leaders can move forward to find a better way to serve our Randview community, and the general public's interest.

I am copying this letter to MANY.....

..... Members of our Randview Lagoon (thanking them for their input)
..... Our local public officials.... Asking for their written and **vocal** oral support, and thanking them for their courage to stand up for what is right.

..... **et alia**

We members are aware of the PSC dates for "OPEN HEARINGS" on our case.
At this time, my wife and I have not decided if we will travel to Frankfort to attend.
The following is my contact information, if any would care to continue a conversation with me regarding our case (or statements that I have written here):

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