

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Concerned Citizen regarding Case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:53:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
Administrative Branch Manager
Filings Branch
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211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Sarai Alvarez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:31 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerned Citizen regarding Case#2021-00154

Hello,

I am emailing out of concern for a situation I have heard is developing regarding the Martin county water rate. It seems that there is a planned water rate increase for Martin county by 70% which not only seems drastic in it of itself, but when you take into account the majority of citizens in that county working for minimum wage and on a fixed income you are placing a significant undue burden on these residents that has high potential for harm. And all that for what exactly? Martin has one of the worst water quality issues in Kentucky with over 90% of the residents having to rely on bottled water to drink and about half not even willing to use the tap water for cooking for safety reasons. So what exactly is the thought process here? You're going to forcibly hike up the water rate, which is already one of the highest in Kentucky, in order to provide water that is unsafe to drink or use for those few who will be able to afford it? Leaving the rest who cannot afford this hike to fend for themselves? If the rise in the rate is to try to fix the quality issue it is not the residents' fault that their water has been mismanaged for so long. It is incredibly inappropriate to place the burden of cost for repair and proper management on residents who are on a fixed income already. And for what is essentially a costly leap of faith that an issue that has been going on for years will be fixed? There's a disconnect in logic here that is going to hurt A LOT of people and I am very worried about the effects this rate increase will have on Martin county residents.

How do you plan to address these concerns?

Thank you,

Sarai Alvarez

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:04:00 AM
Attachments: [Roger Letter.pdf](#)

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 11:08 AM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

From: MOUNTAIN CITIZEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 1:48 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Letter

PSC

Case No. 2021-00154

We can not afford another rate increase, we have to buy water to drink and cook with!

There has to be a better way for the water district to save money, maybe just have **(one) office**

If I could I would move out of Martin County!!!

Roger Smith
PO BOX 1341
INEZ, KY 41224

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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:05:00 AM

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From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 4:11 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission <pscfilings@ky.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 4:02 PM
To: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by [REDACTED] on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 4:01 PM

Name: Khaled Hassan
Address: 91 Mary Drive
City: Inez
State: KY
Zip Code: 41224
Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]
Home phone:
Utility Name: Martin County Water District
State the nature of your concern: Martin County water did increase the water rate since 2018 to almost 70% and its going to be the highest water cost rate in the USA and we are the poorest county in USA, now Martin county water district are going to raise it more 45% so it

will be 115% since 2018 and we cant drink or cook using this water and its dangerous on your skin to take a shower with this water so what we should do? Please help us Please help Martin County citizens.

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Rate increases
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:30:00 AM

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From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:26 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Rate increases

-----Original Message-----

From: Vivian Fehnel [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:15 PM
To: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increases

I would like to ask that you not approve another rate increase because the bill has already been increased over 50% in the past three years. People in this area already struggle to pay the high water bill now. Thank you.

Signed, V Fehnel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Rate increases
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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From: shelly larabell [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:12 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: RE: #2021-00154

Please help these people. Deplorable situation. Rising water rates leaves less money for the bottled water they must buy. Those in authority: Have you no conscious? No ethics?

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:18:00 AM

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From: Erin Huder [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 1:21 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject:

Hi,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the water quality and subsequent rise in price of water in Martin County. This doesn't make any sense to me. The water quality is horrible yet we have to pay more for it? You rob people of a living and a life every day, make the basic human needs available to all.

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Subject: RE: 00154
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From: Allison Pringle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:30 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 00154

To whom it may concern:

As a concerned citizen of the United States I am worried about the people of your county and the fact that their water bill has more than doubled since 2018. The minimum wage in your state is \$7.25 an hour and we are in a global pandemic. People should not have to work themselves to death to pay for basic necessities. Do the right thing. The country is watching.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154 concern
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:55:00 AM

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From: Megan Chapman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:13 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154 concern

Hello,

I am emailing to express my concern of the growing cost of water in Martian County. Many are having a hard time making ends met and this will make people lose water in their house hold. The cost of water has doubled but the quality of water is subpar at best. Please think about this decision will have on the people of Martian County.

Best

Megan Chapman

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

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From: Simone Seydoux [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:48 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

What is going on with the water rate rises? Why aren't you improving the water quality at the rate you have? Who is this money going to?

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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From: Kayla Pelletier [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:56 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

To Whom It May Concern,

I am wiring as a concerned citizen on behalf of the residents of Martin County regarding the alleged move to raise the water rates for the citizens. According to my my research, the rates for citizens in Martin County have increased by 70% in the past two years. I am very concerned based on the past census data that with many citizens being on a fixed income and the minimum wage being \$7.25 that this will make access to clean water prohibitive for the citizens. Martin County is full of precious lives that deserve the basic necessities including drinking water to survive. As a County and State that prides itself in Christian Values, it is absolutely disgusting that the Martin County Water Board would consider the profit of its shareholders over providing basic necessities for the community. As a State Government, you have the obligation to your citizens to protect their best interests, and ensure that basic necessities are accessible for all.

I urge you to reconsider this impending rate increase and protect the most vulnerable citizens in your county.

Thank you,

Kayla Pelletier

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
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From: Kayla Michelle (Kayla) Pelletier [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:57 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

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I urge you to reconsider this impending rate increase and protect the most vulnerable citizens in your state.

Kayla Michelle Pelletier

Graduate Student, College of Education

Instructional Technology

[The University of Alabama](#)

[1248 S Rome Ave](#)

[Republic, MO 65738](#)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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From: Jeanne Tanksley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:06 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

I'm ready regarding the proposed water rate increase in Martin county. As a citizen I'm extremely concerned that raising rates yet again on an essential service will have drastic effects on the economy and the well-being of the people in Martin county. This is an impoverished area where many people already struggle to pay for essential services, you cannot squeeze blood from a stone.

Thank you for listening to my input.

- Jeanne Tanksley

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

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From: Sarah [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:13 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

Hi,

I am concerned about your proposed rate increase for water. I am concerned about what it will do to the already poor citizens in your county. How do you as a city plan to justify a rate increase for already poor quality water?

Thanks for your time
Sarah (A concerned American)

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:14:00 AM

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From: Alia Underwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:33 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

Be better

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:08:00 AM

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From: Amelia Carey [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:52 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

Hello,

I am very concerned about the rate increase for water in Martin County. The cost and lack of quality is shameful. Majority of the residents will not be able to afford these bills.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
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From: Travis Stimeling [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:06 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my grave concern regarding the proposed water rate hike in Martin County. This rate increase will put an undue burden on poor and underprivileged individuals in the county, but it will not hold the polluters who devastated the water system financially accountable for their role. I urge you to deny this rate increase request.

Sincerely,

Travis Stimeling

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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From: Kristy Hartsgrove Mooers [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:02 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

Hello, there!

I love the great state of Kentucky especially Martin County and I am very concerned that the rate increase for their water will end up devastating the people of that area. Please take another look at the problem and see if there is some other alternative to raising rates.

Thank you!
Kristy Hartsgrove Mooers

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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From: Ashley -Haney- Geren [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 7:56 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

This rate increase should be denied until a plan has been implemented for several years to improve the quality of water. Access to healthy drinking water is a human right issue.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: About Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: About Case # 2021-00154

In regards to case # 2021-00154, as a concerned citizen I am worried about what this rate increase will have on the people of Martin County. Please reconsider raising these rates!

Chris Kendall

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: cae # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:31:00 AM

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From: Julie Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:30 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: cae # 2021-00154

I'm writing in regard to the water increase. I'm very concerned about the ability to pay such high water bills for the residents of the county.

Sincerely,
Julie Neslon

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: cae # 2021-00154
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211 Sower Blvd.
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From: Julie Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:30 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: cae # 2021-00154

I'm writing in regard to the water increase. I'm very concerned about the ability to pay such high water bills for the residents of the county.

Sincerely,
Julie Neslon

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2001-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ali Ameduri [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:00 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2001-00154

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen. Rate should not be increased. 70% since 2018 is ridiculous. The quality of water has not increased. I vehemently disagree with this rate increase.

Kind regards,

Ali Ameduri

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021 00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:58:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Jessie Aberl [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021 00154

To whom it may concern,

I think we can all agree that all Americans should have access to good, clean water. People around the world look to us as a leader in quality of life. When any American is without access to good, quality water we are all to blame; we should all be ashamed.

That is why I am ashamed to have to email you now about the quality of water and rate increase in Martin County. To increase rates on such poor quality water is a serious failure of character.

I expect that this will not be approved.

Best regards,
Jessica Aberl.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154 : Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: Becky Essling [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:41 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154 : Martin County Water

I'm very concerned about the water rate increase proposed for Martin County.

With a 40% poverty rate in the county and the cost of water increasing 70% already over the past few years, a further rate increase of 12% is unjust.

Please do not allow this rate increase to move forward.
Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASE # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Indira Martinez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE # 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about how the proposed price increase on water will impact the people living in Martin County.

Everyone in America deserves access to clean, safe drinking water and this price increase puts that in jeopardy, particularly for those struggling to make ends meet.

Water is a basic human need. This should not be an issue in the richest country in the world.

Best,
Indira

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nicole Jeanotte [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 4:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

I am a concerned citizen the DOES NOT SUPPORT the rate increase for water in Martin County. What I do support is getting these folks clean water with zero increase.

Sincerely,
Nicole Jeanotte

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:31:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Subject: Case # 2021-00154

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Sincerely,
Nicole Jeanotte

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:30:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Me [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 10:15 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hi Kentucky,

Why are you increasing the cost of water and continuing to disenfranchise your poor citizens? Why are they continuing to pay an ever increasing premium on, not just water, but dirty, unsafe water? I understand this has been going on for 20 years. Know that the country is watching what you do. Do not increase the cost of these Americans water and make it possible for them to get water that they don't have to boil. Do better, Kentucky!

Sincerely,

A very concerned fellow American

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: maria woodbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:55 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello,

I am writing to support denial of the Martin County Water rate increase request. Water rates have increased over 70% in recent years yet minimum wages stagnate at \$7.25/hour. There has to be another way to improve quality of water for residents.

Regards,

Maria Woodbury

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alexa Schirber [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am concerned about how the rate increase on the water utility will affect the citizens of this county. Please do not increase the rate and provide safer water to your citizens.

Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: Lydia Tankersley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hi! The proposed water rate increase in Martin County by the Martin County Water Board is something of great concern to me. The water quality is poor and people do not have the means to pay for such a large increase in their water bill. I would strongly encourage you to not allow the Water Board to increase the rate for citizens as they cannot afford another price hike.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: Aidan Wotherspoon [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:01 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Don't increase the water rates in Martin county! This will have gravely deleterious effects on this poverty-stricken community. Private monopolies on public service never work out.

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-AW

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Emily Carroll [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:30 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello

I am a concerned citizen.

How can you in good faith raise the water prices in Martin county - this is unconscionable!

Shame on you ! All those in government should be made to live in minimum wage !

To be clear do not raise the water prices.

Emily Carroll

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Hannah Walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:46 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello there,

I am emailing as a concerned citizen on behalf of the citizens of Martin county, Kentucky. I have been informed of a rate increase that appears to be wholly unfair considering the quality of water the county is receiving. This increase would severally effect the citizens living there. Make America strong, don't keep the people weak.

- a concerned citizen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:21:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rosi Muñoz [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:03 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello,

I am very concerned about the effect that the potential water rate increase will have on the citizens of Martin County. They are already experiencing crippling rates and the last thing they need is an even bigger water bill. Please consider what is best for the members of the community.

Sincerely,
Rosi V.

Sent from a mobile device.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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From: Alexandra Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:17 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello,

I have heard about the request for the rate increase of water rates by the county water board. If you improve this increase it will mean a 70% increase in two years. Martin county has a minimum wage of \$7.25 and majority of the citizens are on a fixed income. Not to mention Martin county has the worst water quality in the state.

If you care about it's citizens you will not approve this rate increase.

Please think about the individuals who will be impacted and not about the corporation that's already doing fine.

Best,
Alex

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:18:00 AM

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From: CYNTHIA SPENCE [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:54 AM
To: PSCinfo@KY.GOV
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

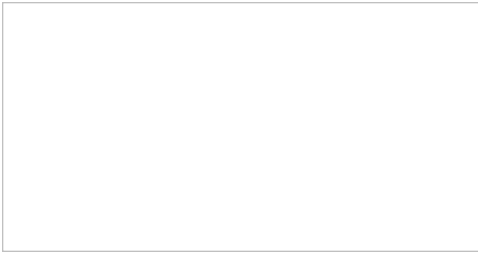
Attn. Kentucky Public Service Commission,

As a concerned citizen, I am appalled to learn that the Martin County Water District is asking for another water rate increase. I respectfully ask that this rate increase not receive support. Please know, that this unfair treatment of our neighbors in Martin County, is a cause of great concern.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cynthia J. Spence

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/sep/22/martin-county-kentucky-tap-water>

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She's not alone: 96% of residents rely primarily on bottled water for drinking, and only 56% use tap water for cooking, according to a recent study by the University of Kentucky.. The tap water ...

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To: [REDACTED]
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Best Regards,

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From: Erin Huder [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 1:22 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hi,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the water quality and subsequent rise in price of water in Martin County. This doesn't make any sense to me. The water quality is horrible yet we have to pay more for it? You rob people of a living and a life every day, make the basic human needs available to all.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:00 AM

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From: John Kirk [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

My name is John Kirk I am a resident of Martin county Kentucky. I am asking you to serve the people of our county and deny this rate increase proposed by the water department.

Please. Do not take this lightly and just grant them there wish. We are one of the poorest counties in the country. We cannot afford higher water rates. Alliance water took over our water district with a promise to improve it not to get more money from us. They need to figure it out without stealing the peoples hard earned money.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

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From: Hannah Braun [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:44 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello,

My name is Hannah Braun and I am a resident in the state of Kentucky. I am writing to you today to express my concern regarding the Martin County Water Board's proposed rate increase. I believe this rate increase would have significant adverse consequences for the residents of Martin County. As you may know, over 30% of Martin County's population falls below the poverty line and if this rate is approved it will be a 70% increase from the rate in effect just two years ago. The residents of Martin County already face many challenges, especially amidst a global pandemic, and this increase for an essential utility like water could have huge impacts on the health and financial stability of the county's residents. I urge you all to fully consider the consequences that this rate increase could have on Martin County.

Thank you,
Hannah Marie Braun

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:12:00 AM

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From: Caleb Hutchison [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:26 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

The people of this county can not afford another utility bill increase. We should not be paying even more for water that isn't even good quality. Do better.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:11:00 AM

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From: Bexar Blum [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Help,

The rate increase will be really bad for the people of Martin County. It's water. It's a human right. People who are on fixed incomes can't handle this.

Thank you,
Bexar Blum

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:11:00 AM

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From: Savannah Grace Neiggemann [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello,

I am deeply concerned about the raising of prices of water in Martin County. I urge the county water board to not raise prices on water for it will have a very negative effect on residents.

Best,
Savannah

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Savannah Grace Neiggemann
[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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From: Erin Chapman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:37 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

I'm emailing you as a concerned citizen on behalf of the people of Martin County, KY. Please do NOT raise water rates for those citizens as most of them will not be able to keep up with the ridiculous increase on their fixed incomes/minimum wage based incomes.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:08:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Abraham Tozier [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:51 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

As a concerned Citizen I highly recommend that the government not allow a rate increase. Having the lowest quality of water already in the state and some of the highest rates as a citizen we do not see the return for the rates of water that were being charged. Instead I would ask the government to inquire as to the quality of the water being provided more so than the cost increase that's being asked for.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

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From: Kiley Sedona [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:52 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

I'm concerned about how the water rate increase will negatively affect the people of Martin County KY.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:06:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: The Redneck Poppa [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:42 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

I am a concerned citizen about the detrimental impacts of the proposed rate hikes to the local citizens in Martin County.

This proposed increase results in nearly 70% since 2018 will be very difficult for many citizens to pay for. In addition there should be zero increases until the substandard water quality issues are resolved.

Please place the citizens as your first priority.

Thank you,
Poppa Jax

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:59:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Selena Strausser [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:09 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

To whom this may concern:

I do not believe increases rates will benefit anyone in Martin County other than a very select few. The majority of the people in this county are already hurting between poor paying jobs, living in poverty, and the pandemic. I am begging that you reconsider the impact this will have on the health and safety of the citizens in Martin County. Do we really need to make water rates more expensive during a pandemic? Do we need to cripple the poor who are already struggling?

Thank you for your consideration, and please think of the most vulnerable and at risk. They are your constituents too.

Sincerely,
Selena Strausser
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:59:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Erin Dawson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:12 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Regarding yet another rate increase for the people of Martin county.

How is it that the quality of water has not improved while rates have nearly doubled since 2018? This is a violation of human rights, to withhold safe drinking water from the people in this county.

We demand the county deny a rate increase and put all funds from water bills toward improving the water quality of the residents. To continue to abuse the poor in this way is a moral failing of leadership and a despicable act.

Get it together!

Erin Dawson.

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Thank you,
Erin Dawson

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:58:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Katie Bidne [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:24 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen who was recently made aware of a proposed rate increase for water in Martin County. I am appalled that this represents an increase of 70% from 2018 rates for water people cannot even drink. Water is a basic human necessity and this puts a great strain on those on fixed incomes, particularly the elderly. This is unacceptable. The people of Martin County deserve better.

Sincerely,
Katie Bidne

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Jill H [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:29 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

To Whom It May Concern,

I am deeply troubled to learn that you are considering another rate increase on water in Martin county. I urge you not to raise rates again.

Thank you,

Jill

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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From: Jurgen Gosch [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:41 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

The people of Martin County cannot afford another water rate increase. Please don't let it happen.

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:55:00 AM

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From: Aman Gill [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:15 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Good evening,

I am emailing as a concerned citizen afraid of the negative impacts of raising water bills in Martin County, KY. It is unethical to raise the cost of this county's water while also maintaining such poor water quality. Many residents of Martin County are only able to earn minimum wage; therefore, something that may seem like a negligible cost increase for your bills could have a devastating effect on a less privileged family's financial situation.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this drastic action because there are advocates who are creating noise around this issue. I don't think you would want this bad press.

I appreciate your integrity and compassion for the residents of Martin County, KY. You have an opportunity to do the right thing. Take it.

Thank you,

Aman Gill

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:54:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Katherine Hanks [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

I am emailing to express my deep concern with the recent news that rate increases are expected for Martin County KY. The fact that rates have risen so significantly for these residents, many of whom are on fixed incomes, in just two years is absolutely appalling. Especially considering the extremely poor water quality that these residents are paying for. I hope you will do the right thing and leave their rates alone or, even better, lower them!!!!

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:21:00 AM

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From: BZS [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:28 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: case # 2021-00154

As a concerned citizen of Kentucky, I am very concerned to learn of your planned rate increase for Martin County. This increase will be an over the top expense for many and I feel you should reconsider it.

Thank you

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASE # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Mason Ramsay [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:56 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE # 2021-00154

I am contacting you as a concerned Kentucky resident. I am opposed to the proposed hike in water bill rates for Martin county. The rate is already far too high for a subpar, unsafe product that is a necessity, not a luxury for the county. Raising the prices again so quickly is immoral and will make the county sicker.

Sincerely,

Mason Ramsay

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Mason Ramsay
[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:34:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Gillian Borges [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:26 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

Hello,

The Martin County Water Board should not be able to raise the water rate. I am worried about the effects that another price increase will have on the people of Martin County. They should have access to clean, affordable water and this rate increase would make that even more difficult following the rate increase in 2018.

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen Gillian

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:25:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Courtney [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 1:09 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #: 2021-00154

I am writing this email as a concerned citizen about the additional rate increase on the dirty water that citizens are receiving in Martin County, KY. A 70% increase on the water in two years is unreasonable. People who are making a minimum wage of \$7.25 and on a fixed income have a right to (CLEAN) water.

Why should Martin County residents be expected to pay more than most of the other counties in the state when they have some of the poorest quality water?

Please protect the rights of the citizens in this county.

Sincerely,

Courtney McCullough

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2001-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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Best Regards,

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From: Sophia Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:05 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2001-00154

To whom it may concern,
It is of utmost importance that the water supply in Martin County, KY is properly fixed and maintained. Water is a necessity for life, and it is inhuman to deny clean water to thousands of residents.

With optimism that you will respond to the needs of your citizens,

Sophia Thompson
Baltimore, Maryland

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154 Concern
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Elizabeth Gertzen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:51 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154 Concern

Good morning,

I am writing on behalf of my family in Martin County, to let you know that we have some concerns regarding the proposed rate increase on the water bill. What is the purpose of the increase? Why are they getting charged more for lesser-quality of water?

Thank you,
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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gertzen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154 concerns
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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From: Jordan Falby [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:58 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154 concerns

To Whom It May Concern,

I am reaching out as a concerned citizen in reaction to the proposed rate increase on the residents of Martin County. Please reconsider the county water board's requested rate increase, as it will likely have a deleterious effect on the residents on a fixed income.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154 Concerns
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Nicolette Paige Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154 Concerns

To Whom It May Concern,

I am concerned about my friends and loved ones who live in Martin County because of the proposed increase in water rates. The water rates will have more than doubled in 2 years and that extent of a price hike is unsustainable and harmful to the community. I hope you will not allow another price increase for Martin County.

Nicolette Brown

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASE #2021-00154 IMPORTANT
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:56:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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Best Regards,

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From: mary nowak [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:50 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE #2021-00154 IMPORTANT

Dear Sir and Madam,

I understand that there has been a request by the county water board to increase the price of water in Martin County. This rate request would increase the cost of water for the struggling citizens by 70% since 2018. This is completely unreasonable and ignorant. The people in this county are poor, how can you burden them with such a cost? I do not live in Kentucky, in fact I live in New Jersey but I know the importance of safe, clean, affordable water. This request for an increase in the price of water must be denied. Give the good people of Martin county a break. Feel free to contact me to discuss this further.

Sincerely,
Mary T. Nowak



From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154 Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:21:00 AM

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From: Marissa Vestal [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:56 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154 Martin County Water

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a concerned citizen who had just been made aware of the situation in Martin County Kentucky regarding their water and water prices. It concerns me that the PSC is considering raising the rates for Martin County by over 70% since 2018, the people in this area will likely not be able to comfortably afford this increase, and it could cause the loss of some Kentuckians. I am very worried about the effects of this increase.

Thank you,

Marissa Vestal

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154 Water Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Kirstin Lehtreck [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:47 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154 Water Rate Increase

I am writing today to voice my concern for the people of Martin County.

Hardworking people deserve quality water at an affordable rate. Do not let the Martin County Water Board swindle their way into taking even more money from the people they should be protecting.

Thank you.

-K. Lehtreck
Las Vegas, NV

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:34:00 AM

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From: Rose Turner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 2:59 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I am very concerned about the quality of water and the price that residents are having to pay in Martin County, Kentucky. I ask that you reevaluate the decision in order to benefit the residents. They shouldn't have to wonder what they will have to go without, just so they can pay their water bill.

Thank you,
Joanna Rose Turner

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASE #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

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From: Ginger Lazzaro [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:48 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE #2021-00154

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm a concerned citizen for Martin County, KY. Clean water is a human right, not a privilege. Please stop increasing their water rates when their water is not even clean enough or safe enough to be used for anymore more than watering the garden - and even that is debatable.

The infrastructure needs maintenance and the water needs to be clean. DENY THE RATE INCREASE!!! The county water bore needs to be held accountable!!! They also need to be audited immediately!!!

Hold them accountable and deny a rate increase. The effects of another rate increase will be devastating. Enough is enough. Please help the citizens of Martin County.

Ginger Lazzaro

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:34:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
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From: Mikaela Libby [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:36 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

It has recently come to my attention that a water rate increase is being proposed in Martin County. I am writing to express my extreme hatred to this because not only is the quality of the water the worst in the state, your customers are generally some of the most taken advantage of population in the nation. The 70% rate increase since 2018 wasn't enough to even begin the repairs to the system to give the members of your county the clean water they are paying for? I'm deeply concerned about your willingness to push an already exploited area farther into the dirt to maybe make a few more bucks, especially over something that is necessary to life. You are gaining attention from areas outside of your own over this issue, and many eyes will be judging this decision. I hope that you will be concerned about your own neighbors well being enough to not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Crystal Elkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 12:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I am writing as a concerned Citizen. The proposed increased rates will disproportionately hurt poor Americans and lower working class Americans. Clean water shouldn't be so expensive. Please stop.

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~Crystal Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:31:00 AM

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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:30:00 AM

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From: Shannon Lankford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 12:01 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Case #2021-00154

Hi, I am emailing you in regards to the water problem the citizens of Kentucky are having. It is inhuman to leave these people in this sort of situation! They shouldn't have to have the responsibility of having to heat up and boil water before they are able to drink it. I hope this email helps whomever is in charge of the situation to find it in there hearts, to figure out a plan and get to the bottom of it. As a human I understand things don't always go as planned,we all make mistakes, but that also means we need to fix these mistakes and move forward! Tomorrow is a new day, so if we all try and help out where we can we can make our dreams come true.

Thank you for your time. And I hope this reaches someone whom can understand the urgency of this matter.

Sincerely, a mer human

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:30:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Sadie Jungers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:21 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello, I'm emailing regarding the proposed rate increase for water in Martin County, KY. I'm very concerned about the effect this would have on residents and urge you to deny the price increase.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Isaac Haller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 6:52 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I am very concerned about the water rate increase proposed for Martin County. With a 40% poverty rate in the county and the cost of water increasing 70% already over the past few years, a further rate increase of 12% is unjust. Please do not allow this rate increase to move forward.

Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Marsha Snodgrass [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:30 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

As a concerned citizen, I would request that you refuse the rate increase for water in Martin County concerning case # 2021-00154. There seems to be a problem with the rates continuing to go up but the water quality and access not getting better. So no rate hike. Thank you Marsha Snodgrass

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Elizabeth Douglas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:28 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing about case #2021-00154 regarding increasing the water rate for citizens in Martin County, KY. I am worried about the effects this will have on these residents and urge you to reconsider.

Thank you,
Concerned Citizen

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Elizabeth Douglas
[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: Nell Collins [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:33 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Good afternoon,

I am writing because I understand the county water board has requested a rate increase. I am concerned about the effect on the lower income and indigent citizens in the county. I don't believe this rate increase will help the community and I express my opposition.

Thank you,
Nell C. Collins

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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From: Nora Pearson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:11 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I'm a concerned citizen emailing on behalf of those that live in Martin County. In the past 2 years, their water bills have more than doubled, which is strange considering how poor the water quality is. Many of the people in Martin County make minimum wage (\$7.25/hour), so I believe these increases are causing a major financial burden. I'm very worried about the effects that this rate increase will have in the people. Thank you for your time.

Nora Pearson

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
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From: Kara [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:06 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Case #2021-00154

Good afternoon,

I am emailing as a concerned citizen. The water bill rate increase is unacceptable. You are further marginalizing and hurting your communities. I am worried about the harmful effects that this will have on the people of Martin County and urge you to not increase the water payments rate.

Additionally, I urge you to focus your efforts on improving the water quality within your county rather than gauging prices for already struggling folks. Please be better.

Sincerely,

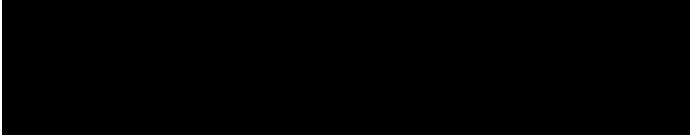
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Kara O'Connell

[REDACTED]

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Kara O'Connell



From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:22:00 AM

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From: KF [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:44 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am writing to say that I am very concerned about the possible rate increase for the water bill in the county. Many of us are struggling to afford to pay this bill as it is, not to mention the fact that we have very poor water quality and have already seen a large increase in the bill in the past. Please do not put families at risk by increasing our already very high water bill.

Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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From: Breeze Jeffries [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:43 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen writing about Martin County residents and the expected increase for their water rates. Also the quality of water. The requested rate increase would make it 70%. These residents deserve clean water at an affordable rate.

[REDACTED]

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:00 AM

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From: Parker Milligan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:46 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing as a concerned citizen about the water quality and potential rate increases in Martin County. Inadequate water and predatory pricing in rural America are common and I'm concerned about the effect this has had and will have on your residents. I hope the county makes the right decisions at upcoming hearings to help the most vulnerable in your communities.

Thank you,
Parker Milligan

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:15:00 AM

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From: Alyssa Lax [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:15 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To Whom It May Concern,

I am deeply concerned about the detrimental impact of an additional rate increase on the residents of Martin County. Furthermore, the water quality urgently needs to be addressed. Please do what is best for your residents and do not permit the rate increase. Please require county water board to address water quality immediately.

Sincerely,
Alyssa

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:15:00 AM

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From: Heaven Onley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:32 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Can you explain why Martin County's water quality is the the worst in the state, but they pay a higher rate than the average for the state of Kentucky. And, are about to see that rate increase???

Is this how you take care of your citizens?

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
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From: Nicole Carey [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:14 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Good Evening,

I am worried that this increase will cause an undue burden on the citizens most at risk for poverty. Please be aware that this increase has more than doubled over the last two years. This is not something that can be sustainable in the economy that we are currently living under.

Please reconsider this rate increase.

Thank you,

Nicole Carey

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:14:00 AM

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From: Foley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:33 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I just wanted to voice my concern over the potential outcome of the proposed water rate increase..

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

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From: Dylan Tipton [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:51 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello - I am emailing about the proposed water rate increase. This is unacceptable as the water quality is especially lacking but the rate has continued to rise over 70% over the course of 3 years. The minimum wage in KY is 7.25. How does anyone expect residents to live this way? Shame on the KY legislature that refuses to act.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

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From: Brenda Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:57 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #202100154

Hello,

My name is Brenda Clark and I am a concerned citizen for Martin County's residents. It is unfair to subject them to an increased rate, especially considering residents already having to supplement and /or filter water because it is such poor quality. Water is a basic necessity and lack there of is a human rights issue.

Please reconsider this issue.

Sincerely,
Brenda Clark

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:12:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Michelle Robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:31 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I'm writing in regard to the proposed rate increase for Martin county. I'm very concerned that this increase will unjustly affect residents of a low income location and that it will prevent adequate water availability for many residents in the county.

Please do not proceed with the proposed increase without providing adequate justification for the increased cost (ie: full water quality cleanup).

Best,
Michelle Robertson

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:11:00 AM

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From: Cindy Peach [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:36 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-10054

I'm curious about the rate increases and the affect it will have on the community. Is the income of the county taken into consideration? Are there plans to update the water system with these increases? If yes could you share these plans with the public? Thanks for your time. Hope to hear from you soon.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
Administrative Branch Manager
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From: Marsha Alexander [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:23 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Good evening,

As a concerned citizen, I'm really worried about the effects this rate increase would have on the community of Martin County, Kentucky that is already on a fixed income with a minimum wage of \$7.25.

How can you increase rates by almost 70% in a period of 2 years starting on 2018 on a community that has a stagnant minimum wage that has not increased at the same rate?

Best regards,
Marsha Alexander
Regulatory Paralegal

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

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From: T. Cheyenne England [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:56 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello!

I've heard some concerning news recently that the Martin County Water Board was planning to increase rates! I think this would be a terrible idea, considering the current economic climate, and what Martin County's citizens are already facing.

Thanks,
T. Cheyenne

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

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From: Bailie Rivale [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:04 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of the United States. It has come to my attention that Martin County citizens are facing another increase in their water rates. This comes at a time when many people are still out of work and COVID-19 cases are still on the rise. Aside from that, the citizens already do not have clean drinking water. The water system in Martin County has been unsafe for 20 years and yet you continue to increase the rates. I fear this will be a continuing crisis but know that the people of the US will no longer stand by while our government neglects us. Far too many citizens in this county are unable to afford their water bills. The minimum wage remains insufficient at \$7.25 and many folks are on fixed incomes which barely provide for their needs. Do not allow this rate increase to go through. Provide the basic need which your citizens require. America is watching for your next move.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

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From: Catherine Gorman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:32 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am writing because I am very concerned about the increase in water costs for residents in Martin County. This price increase on a life sustaining resource will disproportionately effect low and fixed income individuals.

Sincerely,
Catherine Gorman

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:06:00 AM

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From: Soolah Hoops [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:38 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen and wonder how the rates for water, that is unhealthy, can go up so high in a county where if people are able to work they are making \$7.25 an hour. Raising rates to 70% is not helping families maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Please consider the people who are not rich and who cannot afford a utility bill that goes up 70% when they make so little money.

Thank you!

Sue Kemp

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~ "We come spinning out of nothingness, scattering stars like dust. The stars form a circle, and in the center we dance." - Rumi

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:06:00 AM

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From: Sonya Sarmiento [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:41 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern, I am a concerned citizen. Please do not allow this rate hike to go through. It will hurt the most vulnerable populations. Seniors are already struggling with the last increase. Thank you for listening. I believe you will do what is best for the community not a business!

Sonya

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:06:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:42 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Please do not approve this latest request for a water price hike in martin county. It is shameful to require more money from the poorest among us to pay for water that is unsafe. How about an audit to see where the money is going and redirect what is already being paid toward providing clean, safe drinking water.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:06:00 AM

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From: Charlotte Weisman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:43 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am reaching out because as a citizen I am concerned about the potential water rate increase in Martin County, KY. 33% of families and 45% of children in Martin County live below the poverty line, and this rate increase will only exacerbate the problem. The water quality is already poor because of the outdated infrastructure. Please do not increase the rate for Martin County. Thank you.

Charlotte Weisman

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:59:00 AM

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From: Jen (Pollack) Goldschmidt [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:13 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern -

I'm very concerned about the impact of the requested water rate increase for Martin County. The people in that county are already struggling financially and have already had a rate increase two years ago. Please do not raise the rate.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jennifer Pollack

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:58:00 AM

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From: jenisedai notmyrealname [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

As a concerned citizen, I am very concerned about the proposed rate increase in case 2021-00154. An increase that high would be a huge burden for the poor families in the affected area. It would force more people off the grid and into less safe sources of water, resulting in medical problems that will add to an already overburdened system.

I also have to wonder why they want the increase. There doesn't seem to be a reason. They haven't improved water quality or shown a plan to do so. They already charge higher rates than similar organizations. I have to wonder if the money is actually going where it's supposed to, or if one or more employees are benefiting more than they should be from their income. Please check into this as part of your process, and please do not approve this rate increase!

Thank you,
Jennifer Heneghan

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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From: Emily Cobbs [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I'm writing to express concern about the proposed rate increase on water for Martin County. The water quality is not where it should be and the residents of the county cannot afford this increase.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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From: Chris Doyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:39 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hi, I'm writing as a concerned citizen about the impact of a water rate hike on the citizens of Kentucky. Water is a human right and should remain affordable for all.

Thanks,
Chris

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
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From: Bridget [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:47 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I am concerned about yet ANOTHER water rate increase in Martin County. The people in this county are suffering with bad water that you now want to charge even more?!!
Do not increase the rates again! 70% increase from 2018 is ridiculously expensive especially in an area with such low minimum wage. How can the people afford another rate hike?
Where is MITCH?!

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:56:00 AM

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From: Yahoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:50 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Please help the people of Martin Co.

-Nan

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:54:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kerry Braisted [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:26 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to a proposed price increase on the water bill for Martin County Kentucky. Not only does this county have terrible water quality, they also have ridiculously high prices for their water, while also having a large number of their citizens working minimum wage jobs or being on a fixed income. I am concerned what effect this price increase may have on the quality of life for the citizens of Martin County. It does not seem right, nor equitable, to increase the price for the quality they get.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:54:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Noah Freeman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:28 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen. Martin County has some of the worse water quality in the state, and yet the highest rates. Now you have the nerve to try and raise the rates again. What are they paying these high ass prices for when the water quality is trash. How about you put this energy into cleaning up the water supply before trying to make more money off of a defective product. In no other market could the product be the trash and have profits continue to increase. Remember you work for the people and not the other way around.

Von meinem iPhone gesendet

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:35:00 AM

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From: Johnathan D. Clayton [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 7:19 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern;

I'm writing today about concerns over the proposed rate increase to water services in Martin County. Martin County currently has some of the worst water quality in the state of KY and yet nothing has been done to improve this whole continual rate increases have been imposed. Rates in Martin County have increased 70% since 2018—an astronomical increase for any location—but especially so for a state and county whose minimum wage is \$7.25. Add in the economic strain of the pandemic and it's a recipe for disaster. Residents can't afford another rate increase. The harm done will be tremendous and can't, in good conscious, be implemented. Please deny the rate increase request.

Sincerely,

Johnathan D. Clayton
he/him/his/they/them/theirs

[REDACTED]

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASE #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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From: Cristina [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE #2021-00154

In regards to CASE #2021-00154
do not raise the rent and water bill. the minimum wage of the state of \$7.25 and and the people cannot afford a 70% increase in their bills.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR PEOPLE. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

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From: Shelby Cramer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:00 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen emailing about raising the rates for water in Martin County. When many residents of Martin County live on fixed income and the minimum wage has not increased, it is unjust to increase the price of providing water to that community.

It is also known nationally that the water in Martin County is not clean, yet there is still a plan to raise prices for unclean water? This is embarrassing for you, and unfair to your residents.

Please do not raise the rates and please take action to improve water for your constituents.

Thank you,

Shelby Cramer

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-0154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: S P [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:41 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Case #2021-0154

Hi there -

I'm exceptionally concerned for the citizens of Martin County & their access to safe, affordable water. Please consider stopping the rate increases that so many cannot afford.

All the best,
Samantha
concerned citizen

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #2021-1054
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Community Outreach Liaison [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:04 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-1054

Hello,

It has come to my attention that the water bill in Martin county will have doubled over the past two years while minimum wage in the state remains \$7.25.

I don't know how or why this decision to increase fees is acceptable. Aren't the citizens in this county already poor enough? Don't we want better for them? Don't you feel any shame that'll states like New York and California have to keep subsidizing Kentucky because no real efforts are made to uplift the residents?

I hope instead of raising fees you will support the president's infrastructure bill so you can get money to fix the water supply and keep fees low for the residents.

Sincerely,
Ms. Soto

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154 Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:34:00 AM

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From: Stephanie Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 1:23 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154 Martin County

To whom it may concern,

I have heard about about rates increasing for water and am concerned about how this will negatively impact its community.

People cannot afford to pay more for bad water. Please do better in supporting the community.

Stephanie Edwards

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154 Water for Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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From: Leanna Bonafini [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:24 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154 Water for Martin County

Hello,

I am reaching out regarding the rise in cost of water to the citizens of Martin County, Kentucky. I understand that residents will be expected to pay more than double what they paid for water just two years ago. I am very concerned about low income residents' access to clean, safe water, which is a human right.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter,
Leanna Bonafini

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:30:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
Administrative Branch Manager
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From: Juliana Haynes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 10:22 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Good morning,

I am concerned about the proposed water price increase in Martin County, TN. This county has faced 70% increase in water rates since 2018. That is completely unjust and unfair, especially considering the county's extremely high poverty rates AND their lack of clean and safe water.

In fact, the only sensical solution is to dramatically decrease rates or, preferably, to stop charging for water all together until the water pumps in Martin County are replaced and expanded so that they operate properly. Charging exorbitant rates not only cripples those on a fixed income (the majority of Martin county) because of their bill, but the water they're forced to drink has the ability to sicken them as well. It's astonishing that allowing people to live without clean water isn't criminal.

I hope Kentucky officials lay awake at night with all of the Martin County children who have cancer on their mind and conscience. This is avoidable.

Please do NOT allow Martin County to increase their rate for water.

Thanks,

Juliana Haynes

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Juliana Haynes

UT-Austin | Class of 2020

BA International Relations & Global Studies



From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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From: Abby Carpenter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 7:14 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Hello, I am reaching out as a concerned citizen. Martin county has been struggling with the cleanliness of their water for a long time. This price increase comes at the time of a horrible pandemic that has made the poor even poorer. The people of your county are suffering. It is NOT the time for a price increase.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald Beentjes [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:53 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

I'm writing about the proposed water rate increase for Martin County. This is a troubling increase and will mean the rates have more than doubled since 2018. The rates are already one of the highest in the state which is for water that is generally of poor quality. The people of Martin county can not afford this increase. Please reject the request for the increase.

Kind regards

Ronald Beentjes

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

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From: Chase Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 1:04 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen around the water increase. Please understand a lot of us are on fixed income and this will have a huge impact. Please take this into consideration as the rates are already up over 60% since 2018, WE CANT AFFORD THIS!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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From: Mishelle P [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:26 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

To whom this may concern,

It has recently been brought to my attention that the citizens of Martin county will be facing a rate increase on their water bills, despite low water quality. I am concerned about what the impact of a rate increase would be on the citizens of Martin County and believe this increase should be reconsidered.

Thank you,

Mishelle Powell

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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From: Kosinski, Taryn Corinne - kosinstc [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I'm a concerned citizen about case# 2021-00154. The people of Martin County cannot afford this water rate increase. Do the right thing for this community by refusing this rate increase.

Very best,
Taryn Kosinski

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:22:00 AM

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From: Kirby Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:48 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Good morning,

I'm reaching out as a concerned citizen regarding raising the water bill. I don't think that's a great idea given the current state of unemployment, in addition to minimum wages in the area.

Thank you,

Kirby Wright
[REDACTED]

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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From: Hannah bdjwl [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:59 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Water prices are constantly changing & by my studies there is no reason for this. I would appreciate an email back about these measures. My phone number is [REDACTED] & my email is listed [REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:18:00 AM

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From: CYNTHIA SPENCE [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:56 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Attn. Kentucky Public Service Commission,

As a concerned citizen, I am appalled to learn that the Martin County Water District is asking for another water rate increase. I respectfully ask that this rate increase not receive support. Please know, that this unfair treatment of our neighbors in Martin County, is a cause of great concern.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cynthia J. Spence

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/sep/22/martin-county-kentucky-tap-water>

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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From: genevieve costa [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 1:08 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Hi there

I am a concerned citizen writing you about case 154 and the raise of the rate of water. I think this will deeply affect our citizens and I'm very concerned about what this will do to this county.

Please do not pass this

Thank you

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:13 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Hello,

I am very concerned with the proposed water rate increase in Martin County, Kentucky. First of all, the water is not even reliably good. Second of all, if the proposed increase is approved that will mean the cost of water has increased 70% in the last three years. That is deplorable, and you all absolutely know that. Do not increase the water rate. Increasing the water rate at this point in time, given the ongoing poor water conditions regardless of increased water rate in the past, is unethical.

It is absolutely your civic duty to provide ALL the residents of your county with reliable, clean water at an affordable rate. It's already questionable if it is even affordable, but the proposed increase would most definitely not be affordable, and therefore, would be unethical.

Sincerely,
Rachael Wilson

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:12:00 AM

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From: Seth Shepherd [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:33 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

To whom it concerns,

I'm emailing as a concerned citizen to urge you not to increase the price of water in your area. As a fellow Appalachian I urge you to think of the income strains that are already on people, and to not have this increase in water price. After a pandemic and years of minimum wage jobs people do not have the resources to handle a price increase that does nothing but harm the residents. Again, please do not increase the price of water.

Best,
Seth Shepherd

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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From: nicole mercado [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:03 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

I strongly oppose the rate increase. You are killing your longtime residents physically and financially. I am appalled at the state of Kentucky's astounding disregard. It's borderline sadistic. DO BETTER.

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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From: Anjie Gordon [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:06 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

I am an American who is extremely concerned about the water rate increase associated with this case. Many people in their area make less than a living wage or are on a fixed income. Water availability and cleanliness is not where it should be and you are suggesting that Kentucky citizens pay more for sub par service. This is upsetting. Do right by your citizens. Fix the water situation and DON'T increase water rates yet again.

Anjie Gordon

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:08:00 AM

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From: Taryn Montgomery [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:55 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Hello,

I m extremely concerned about this rate increase and the impact it will have on the citizens of Martin County. This increase is unconscionable given the current state of the water and the average income of citizens in the county. I urge you to deny this application.

Best regards,

Taryn Montgomery, BSc, JD, MSW, RSW

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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From: Raejean Lopez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:33 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Hello,

I am very concerned about what the effects of the water bill rate increase on the citizens in Martin County. It is ridiculous the water system has not been fixed and the water bill has more than doubled since 2018.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:35 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Show some compassion to the people of Martin county! You've raised rates 70% since 2018 on water that is some of THE worst in the nation. It's very concerning. And heartless. You know the people in that area work primarily low/minimum wage jobs.

Sincerely
Veronica Scott
Sent from EarthLink Mobile mail

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case no 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:05:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: george broown [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 4:40 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case no 2021-00154

This is about the water co trying get another rate hike . We can't pay anymore it's just not right they have did so little Sence they came in here honestly I see hardly nothing they have spent for all the money they have recieved and it's still not reliable or can't trust it drink, still receiving boil water notices. It doesn't mater tho we are way over charged now for what we receive just look how much it has raised already no relief in site . And asking for even more ? Please do not do this to us we are seriously thinking of just moving away cost of living here seems no end to it .

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case No. 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:31:00 AM

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From: Gayle Howell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 12:13 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2021-00154

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the water rate increase again in Martin County, Kentucky. The water in Martin County is not fit to drink or cook with, I really don't think it's safe to use to shower or brush your teeth. I have to buy water to make coffee and to cook with, which is a considerable expense. This will be a possible 70% increase since 2018. I am a senior citizen and widow, I am on a fixed income and simply cannot afford to pay a higher water bill. If it is raised again, it will cause a financial hardship for me.

Sincerely,

Gayle Howell
P O Box 1021
Inez, KY 41224

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case No. 2021-00154
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From: Carol Preece [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 3:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2021-00154

Dear **PSC**,

I am writing in regards to case # 2021-00154. I know this may be a no win but I'm giving it a try... Could the PSC, please think how hard it is living here in Martin county Ky. with water rates higher than anywhere else in the state and the water is not fit to drink or cook in? That is what we are living with and many folks go without water for days when water lines break. We cannot afford another hike in rates! There are mostly retired folks living here and are on fixed incomes, we cannot afford to pay for water like that plus buy water to drink from the grocery store. Please don't allow another hike in our rates.

Sincerely,

Concerned citizen of Martin Countian Kentucky

Carol Preece

4315 Blacklog Rd .

Inez, Ky. 41224

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case No. 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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Subject: Case No. 2021-00154

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P O Box 1021
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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case number 2021-00154
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From: Danielle Kirk [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 5:53 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case number 2021-00154

I, Danielle am a citizen of Martin county. I believe the recent request to increase the rate in water bills would have such a negative impact on the people here. It's almost as though the people in charge don't understand or even sympathize with the thought of living on a fixed income. Average income in Martin county is only 22k a year. Many people here make decisions, and sacrifices based on income. Water is non negotiable, and people shouldn't have to decide what bills are more important to pay. If you approve this rate increase, just know that you will be forcing people already below the poverty line, to make more unfair decisions, that you will never have to make. Stand up for the people here, deny this increase!!

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case number 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
Administrative Branch Manager
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From: Samantha Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case number 2021-00154

Hi, I'm a concerned constituent worried about the effects of a huge rate increase for water in Martin County. I'm very concerned how this will affect the residents of the area. Up 70% since 2018, unacceptable!

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case Number:2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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From: Kevin Merriman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:16 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case Number:2021-00154

To whom it may concern -

I don't even live in Kentucky so I apologise for sticking my nose into this but clean water is essential to life and I care about people wherever they live. I cannot believe that in a country as rich as America we cannot provide clean water as a right, as it is essential to life, as in "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," to, at the very, very least, the poorest of our citizens if not to all.

Y'all should be ashamed of yourself for even considering raising the cost of utilities in the middle of a pandemic and local job crisis.

Kind regards,

Kevin Merriman
New Haven, CT.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case Related Question
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:08:00 AM

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From: Samantha Ball [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:33 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case Related Question

Case #2021-00154 I am concerned about the people in Martin county. My sister lives there with my nieces. Minimum wage there is 7.25 an hour. This would hurt alot of people. Please don't do this!!

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject:
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Cassandra & Brent Dinslage [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:59 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 01-00154

To whom this may concern:

I'm writing to you today about the effects of the proposed price increase on water in Martin County. A lot of our citizens are on a small fixed income. With the current minimum wage at \$7.25 an hour a 70% increase in payments (since 2018) isn't a feasible option.

This is incredibly inhumane, since the water quality is closer to garbage than clean water. What exactly are the price increases paying for? It's certainly not the water quality.

A price increase at this time in our economy, with Covid 19 ravaging war on our citizens is INHUMANE. Period. There's no defending argument.

Please reconsider.

Thank you,
Kassandra Dinslage

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021- 00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Jacob Abraham [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:16 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021- 00154

Good Day,

I am contacting you as a concerned citizen that the proposed water bill hike will be to high. Rates have gone up over 50% in last few yearsand with the last year being so chaotic I think there should be no water rate raises.

Regards,

Jacob Abraham
Concerned Citizen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Nicole Kuhns [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 8:30 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

I am writing as a concerned citizen about the proposed rate increase for water in Martin County.
My understanding is that a large portion of the people in Martin County live in poverty or on a fixed income. Why should these people (who are already struggling) strain their finances further for water? Will the water quality improve?

Nicole Kuhns
Tahlequah OK

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Lynny Dancer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:07 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: case# 2021-00154

I am writing because I am concerned about the effects that raising the water rates will have on the people of Martin County. Rates are already high while water quality remains low. Many people in this county are on a fixed income or work low wage jobs. This increase would be devastating to them.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Karley Spriggs [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:15 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hello,

I'm concerned that Martin County is raises rates too much and not providing a healthy enough water source for the county. This is something that should be a first priority to improve and not be raising rates on the people that live there who do not receive properly cleaned water. I'm worried about these people being affected not only financially but their health is in jeopardy. Water is vital for living. Help these people by not raising their rates but fixing the water quality issue.

Please do something good for these for once,

KS

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:06:00 AM

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From: Jennifer Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:45 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: case# 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,
Please do not approve the rate increase requested in case 2021-00154. The effect in the area could be devastating. This is a very low income area and the people should not be forced into another increase (up 70% from 2018)!
Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

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From: Alex Netherton [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 5:18 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

I am super worried about the effects of the rate increase on the people of Martin county. This would increase the rates up 70% from 2018. This and the large number of Martin county residents who are on a fixed income and at minimum wage (which is not a livable wage at 7.25/h) the increase in the water rates would create disaster. Please consider not increasing the rates.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:25:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 1:57 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hello I'm a concerned person writing to you about the water rates. Citizens shouldn't be paying some of the highest rates for some of the worst quality water, which they simply cannot afford. Please put time and effort into improving water quality and not price gauging your citizens.

Thank you
Michaela Hartsfield

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:25:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Gabrielle Chamberlain [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:17 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hi, I have concerns considering the new water bill. I am a concerned citizen because these bills are ready barely affordable. I'm afraid that if you raise these bills even more, very few people will be able to actually afford it. As a worried citizen, I'm concerned about this raise and I urge you to not raise the bill anymore.

Thanks,
Gabrielle Chamberlain

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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From: Jackie Isaacs [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:44 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

I am a concerned KY citizen contacting you today about the water crisis in Martin County. The water system in Martin County was never meant to service this many people. Instead of working to update the system to make it better for the community the water company is asking for a 70% increase in rates with no proof of changes made. This community cannot afford those rates and increasing them would be criminal. Please listen to this community and help them get the clean water they desperately need.

Thank you,
Jackie Isaacs
Louisville, KY

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:21:00 AM

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From: JESSICA LEVY [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:43 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I'm worried about the rate of increase for water rates in Martin County. Many of the residents in this county make minimum wage, but are expected to pay high rates for low quality water. This is unacceptable, many people cannot afford this rate increase.

Sincerely,
Jessica Levy

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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From: Kathleen Herber [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:52 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Dear PSC,

I've heard the Martin County Water company wants a rate increase that will, in the end, about double the monthly rate of customers since 2018. Please know I understand to make improvements a company needs revenue. There seriously might be federal aid programs to help the county to make improvements that are needed. Please don't allow a rate increase for people that earn and struggle to thrive on the state minimum wage. They need to live. It sounds like a rate increase would make it to where they would or could need to choose which bills to pay.

Thank you,
Kathleen Herber

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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From: Kris Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:14 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Dear Sirs & Madams of Kentucky PSC;

I am writing to you because I am gravely concerned about this requested rate increase, and it's undue burdening of the citizens of Martin County. The infrastructure is woefully outdated & producing poor quality water.

This rate increase will nearly double the cost for this substandard service, which is unreasonable surely. Perhaps the great state of Kentucky can improve this service with funds from the President's infrastructure bill, thus relieving the burden on the citizens of Martin County & possibly making it more cost effective.

Thank you for taking time to hear my concerns and thoughts on this very serious matter.

Sincerely,
K. Miller

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

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From: JoAnna Hannah [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:44 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

I am concerned about the recent proposal to increase rates for martin county. How to you plan to address the financial needs of the people in this region?

[REDACTED]

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:15:00 AM

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From: John Iannelli [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:16 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hello, my name is John Iannelli and I am from New Jersey. News of the Martin County water crisis has reached the east coast, and I would like to express my deepest concerns for the citizens of Martin County, Kentucky. Which is the poorest county in Kentucky out of 120 COUNTIES. that is OUTRAGEOUS! Many videos from Martin County natives have been posted to TikTok, YouTube, as well as countless news outlets such as The Guardian. The fact that the citizens of Martin County pay the highest is unbelievable. Why has another rate increase been asked by the PSC? And a SEVENTY PERCENT increase as well. How much more money can you steal off of poor Appalachians who have struggled to get by for GENERATIONS. Also, you're doubling the price whilst the minimum wage for The Commonwealth of Kentucky is seven dollars and twenty-five cents, that is a disgrace, especially when the majority of your residents are on fixed income, which makes their situations even more dire. I am a concerned citizen about the effects that this rate increase will have on the people in Martin County, Kentucky.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration to read this email.

From an extremely concerned citizen,

John Iannelli

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:14:00 AM

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From: Cindy Peach [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:37 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-10054

I'm curious about the rate increases and the affect it will have on the community. Is the income of the county taken into consideration? Are there plans to update the water system with these increases? If yes could you share these plans with the public? Thanks for your time. Hope to hear from you soon.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:11:00 AM

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From: Cindy Peach <psci.cindy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

I'm curious about the rate increases and the affect it will have on the community. Is the income of the county taken into consideration? Are there plans to update the water system with these increases? If yes could you share these plans with the public? Thanks for your time. Hope to hear from you soon.--

Cindy Peach
PSC Inspection

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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From: Kimberly Salvage [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:16 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hello,

As a concerned citizen I am writing to you today to let you know my opinion. Not only are many communities still trying to survive or recover from COVID, but now there is a chance their water bill is going to rise? I am worried about what this means for the residents of Martin County when most people are still working minimum wage jobs. Perhaps if the water was better and filtered/cleaned better or not polluted then there would be a reason to spike the cost of an essential component to life. It is disgusting this bill was raised at all. Please considering making sure it does not pass.

Thank you for your time,
Kimberly Salvage

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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From: Sara De La Cruz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:12 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Good afternoon,

I am concerned about the effect the rate increase for Martin County being pursued by the water board and what that will mean for the people there. Many live on fixed income and have spoken out on how low the quality of the water. If the rate is increased, it will have risen 70% from 2018. Please do not raise the rate.

Thank you,
Sara De La Cruz

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:06:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
Administrative Branch Manager
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From: Eleanor Sciannella [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:37 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Good afternoon,

I am a concerned citizen writing you because I'm worried that a rate increase in the county water bill will severely impact the lives of minimum wage workers and folks on a fixed income. People are still reeling from the pandemic, and the county should prioritize the budgets of its residents over the profits of the water company.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Eleanor Sciannella

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:59:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Ann Reeves [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:15 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Good afternoon,
Please take this email as a voice of concern regarding the rate increase, given the average household income for the area.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:58:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

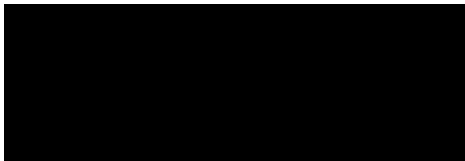
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From: Susan Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:19 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Please deny the Martin County Water Board request for rate increase. This rate increase will have a negative impact on residents of this county. The water quality for Martin County is some of the worst in the nation. Hold this Water Board accountable - the people of Martin County need you to step up into your oversight role. Deny the rate increase and hold Martin County Water Board accountable for not providing clean potable water.

Susan Kennedy



From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:58:00 AM

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From: david henry [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:20 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern for the people living in Martin county Kentucky. Their quality of water is some of the worst in the state, however their water rates are some of the highest. The County water board has requested another rate increase. The new rate being 70% up from 2018. Minimum wage is \$7.25 in Kentucky and people can't afford to have water. The water rates can increase. Otherwise the county is going against life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

Best,
A concerned citizen

From: [REDACTED] (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:35 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hello,

I'm writing to because I'm really upset about the rate increase for water that is terrible quality. Trying to raise rates while many of us are struggling for water that's not even safe to drink is disgraceful. Please do not support this raise.

Jen Brown

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:54:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Isabella Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:23 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the rate increase request in Martin County Kentucky.

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and am worried how this rate increase will affect the people of Martin County.

I am asking you to reconsider this rate increase and improve the quality of your water

Regards,
Isabella

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:54:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Brady Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

I'm very concerned about the proposal to increase the cost of water services. I am strongly against any rate increases. I am also highly concerned about the quality of water already being delivered and what appears to be corrupt intent to raise rates for no change in quality delivered. This is common sense economics. Why should rates increase when the product hasn't substantively changed? My votes reflect my opinions on the matter.

Sincerely,
Brady Miller

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASE# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Yavodka Owens [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:06 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE# 2021-00154

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen. I recently learned about a proposed rate increase in Martin County. I am asking that you please reconsider. I would like to remind you that many of the residents of Martin County work minimum wage jobs and are poor. It will be difficult if not impossible for many of the residents to afford the increase.

Thank you for taking time to read my email. I am hopeful that you will reconsider the rate increase.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Y. Davidson

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

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From: Elizabeth Dunham [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:38 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

Hope this reaches you in great spirits!

We are concerned about the community and the effects of raising the cost of water in Martin County, KY. We strongly ask that you do not do this to the people of Martin County.

In good health,
Eli

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:30:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Mike Little [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:58 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: case# 2021-00154

How can we talk about raising rates for such bad water?

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00155
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Claire Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:21 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00155

Hello,

I am concerned with the drastic rate increase of water price and it's effects on Martin county citizens. Water rates have more than doubled since 2018 and the county's major minimum wage workforce has been severely affected by increases. Martin county also receives the worst quality water in the state.

Please address these issues,
-Claire Cooper

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Kailee Hildebrand [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:41 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case#2021-00154

Hello,

I am concerned of the repercussions of raising the water bill in Kentucky. The effects of the rate increase on minimum wage citizens will be disastrous. Also, the water quality is terrible. Take the time to rebuild the system you have. It's overwhelmed and harmful **your** citizens.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Lifsey [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:08 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case#2021-00154

To whom it may concern,
I am inquiring about the proposed water increase. Can you tell me why it is necessary.

Thank you
Sarah Lifsey
News correspondent
Journalists ABC world news

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
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From: Em Moratti [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:17 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case#2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am writing about the water bill rate increase for the citizens in Martinville, Kentucky. The 70% increase in rates for citizens in the past two years is unacceptable and I am concerned about the effects this will have on fixed-income and minimum wage workers. The quality of water is the lowest in the state and now we pay the most money. This is a violation of human rights in the wealthiest country in the world. Where is that increase in money going? It does not appear to be increasing the quality of the water. Do the families living in Martinville not deserve to eat, drink, and bathe in clean water? I think it is imperative that you look at not only the ethics of what you are doing but also the logistics. Is the human suffering worth sucking a few more dollars out of the cash starved populous?

Please reconsider this decision and put humanity back into your business plan.

Thank you for your consideration,
A Concerned Citizen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:58:00 AM

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From: Rebecca Seagraves [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:20 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case#2021-00154

To whom it may concern,
I'm afraid the proposal for a rate increase regarding the public water supply will have negative effects on the population for Martin County. Poverty is widespread and the quality of water should be immaculate for how high costs have become within 3 years. Please consider the budgets of people living in this district and do not raise the cost.

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Laura Bellamy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:53 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case#2021-00154

To whom it may concern,
I am a citizen concerned about the proposed rate increase for water in Martin County. With a high poverty rate in the county and the cost of water increasing 70% in the last few years a further increase would be unjust and detrimental to the citizens. I urge you to please not allow the rate increase to move forward.

Thank you

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASE#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Rashida JB Shepherd [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:16 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE#2021-00154

To whom it may concern

I am afraid the new rate increase for the folks in Martin County Kentucky will further negatively affect people who are already struggling to make ends meet. Please consider helping and not hurting already poor people.

Thank you

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Emma Burton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 1:58 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: case#2021-00154

i am emailing you as a concerned citizen of The United States. clean water is a human right. your exploitive measures are inhumane.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case: #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ashley Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:41 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case: #2021-00154

Hello,

I'm a National Gymnastics Coach and a Concerned Citizen of this proud Country.

I'm deeply dismayed that a consideration on the increase of the rate of Water is even a thought.

I do not believe in being a greedy individual and my Gramma and Great Grandfather taught us to live a life that was Nobel. That being said, this is not Nobel.

You must improve your water quality with the profits you have already retained. You must decrease the rate at which you charge.

You must consider what Jesus and God would want of us- to be good stewardess of the world.

The absence of good in the presence of evil, is a sin.

Best Regards,
Miss Ashley A.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case: 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:08:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joshua Sadler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:50 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case: 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I'm a concerned citizen with issues about the increase in water price in a very price sensitive district despite diminishing water quality. Clean water should be easily accessible to all of those served by this system in Martin County and the price increases are sure to be catastrophic for this relatively impoverished region.

I encourage the responsible parties to take the appropriate steps will soon be taken to ensure that water in this region remains clean and affordable.

Regards,
Joshua Sadler

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lois [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:13 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case2021-00154

To the PSC:

I was very upset to hear that the folks of Martin County will have to pay much more money to their county water board; in fact, the rate has increased astronomically in the last two years. This is a terrible hardship on the local residents who don't earn a lot of money to begin with. In addition, the quality of the water is very poor.

Please rectify this situation so that the people don't have spend money they don't really have for the water they need to live.

Sincerely,
Lois Murray
A Concerned American

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concern about case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:00 AM

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From: Julia McGrath [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concern about case #2021-00154

Good evening,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing you to tonight with grave concern of the rate increase requested by the Martin County Water Board. Despite being one of the counties with the worst water quality in Kentucky, Martin County already pays one of the highest rates for water in the state. As you know, the minimum wage in Kentucky is \$7.25/hour and many individuals in Martin County make their living on minimum wage. Continued increase on bills for absolute necessities will only create more barriers for families already struggling to make ends meet. Please consider the deeply negative impact this will have on the citizens of Martin County.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter,

Best,
Julia McGrath

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: concern about case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:14:00 AM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
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From: Katie Kartheiser [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:31 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: concern about case 2021-00154

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen emailing about the rate increase for water in Martin County and how the increase in the water bill will impact the people in Martin County, KY who have already experienced recent increases in their water bills in the past few years and many of whom are on a fixed income.

Thank you for your time.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concern for Case# 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Terra Ashe [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:17 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concern for Case# 2021-00154

I am incredibly concerned what the water rate increase will do to the people in Martin County Kentucky. Already the water is bad quality and most the jobs in the area are minimum wage and the minimum wage is a measly \$7.25 an hour. Do not approve the rate increase!

Regards,
Terra Ashe

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concern for the community
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Amy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:49 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concern for the community

To whom it may concern,

I may not live in Kentucky but I do have friends and family that reside there. I was recently made aware of Case # 2021-00154 to increase the price of water in an area that already isn't being proper access or even great access to water, folks who work long hours for little wages. And this bill essentially driving up the rate by 70% since 2018.

I believe this case would be a threat to life, health and well being of the community.

I urge you to reconsider.

The world is watching you.

Thank you for your time,

Amy Hemeyer

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concern for water-Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

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From: Miranda B [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:58 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concern for water-Martin County

The unfair treatment of the people of Martin County concerning the water quality and higher rates is appalling. For the well-being of the citizens, please consider stopping this action. Raising the price for the water upwards of 50% in a few years is a disgrace. Especially with low quality water.
Case 2021-00154

Miranda

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concern Regarding Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:08:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Victoria Farrington [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:37 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concern Regarding Martin County Water

Greetings,

I have learned that the rate for water, mind you an essential need for everyone, is going to be marked up again for a 70% increase. I am concerned because many Appalachians who are working class will be majorly affected by this. With the minimum wage still being \$7.25, what do you propose those working class citizens do when they are unable to pay their overly inflated water bill? Please help. This is a humanitarian crisis. We need water to survive.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerned About Water Board's Desired Rate Increases in Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Jamira Floyd [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:54 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerned About Water Board's Desired Rate Increases in Martin County

Good afternoon,

My name is Jamira Floyd, and I just wanted to express concern regarding the proposed rate increases made by the water board in Martin County, KY.

Many of the people in Martin County live off of minimum wage or fixed incomes. I humbly ask that you not increase the rates as families struggle to pay their bills and put food on their tables.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jamira

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CONCERNED ABOUT WATER RATE INCREASE
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: jess stein [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:46 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CONCERNED ABOUT WATER RATE INCREASE

I heard about the Martin County Water Board was asking for another water rate increase and I'm very concerned about what this means for the people. This would make a 70% increase in just a span of a few years. With only minimum wage jobs and many people on fixed income, how are they supposed to afford that?

There wages didn't go up, so why would the water bill? What are they even doing with the money? Many can't even drink their tap water.

Criminal.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerned Citizen for Case # 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:08:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Mary McKeller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:49 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerned Citizen for Case # 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Martin county has the worst quality water in the state of Kentucky. The rate increase proposed for this water is absolutely appalling. Not only is it barely drinkable, but the people in this area can barely afford what they are paying now. As a concerned citizen, I urge you not to pass this rate increase as it may have detrimental effects on the people living in this area. Please, think of the children and families who are drinking this poisoned water, now being made to pay an absurd amount for it.

It is a civic duty for you to protect the citizens of Kentucky. This means not raising the rates for already dirty water.

Thank you,
Mary McKeller

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerned citizen: Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:15:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Grace Deubler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:18 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerned citizen: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am a concerned citizen writing about case number 2021-00154. I am deeply concerned for the citizens of Martin County facing another rate increase for their poor quality water. Access to clean drinking water is a basic human right, it is not okay to continuously rip these less fortunate people off. They must have affordable access to drinking water and the county must act to stop this cost increase. Please reconsider this increase.

Thank you,
Grace Deubler

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerned citizens
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:55:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: virginia wedemeyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:10 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerned citizens

Hello,

I'm am very concerned what the raise in water rates will have on the citizens in Martin County. The water rates have doubled since 2018. It's immortal.

Concerned citizen,
Virginia

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerning case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:00:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Tabitha Sligh [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 5:50 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerning case 2021-00154

As a resident of KY I am truly alarmed by your company's abuse of residents. Your water that you expect people to pay for is notorious for contaminants from chlorine to everything else - half of Martin county is unable to use their tap water to cook not even drink. It is unrealistic to expect people who make 7.25 an hour which is the legal minimum wage to pay for a 70% increase in their water bill since 2018. Your water contamination levels are surely not up to regulation which does not correlate to a price increase. There is a crisis in Kentucky and in this nation and your people and citizens are being exploited.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerning water rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Brooke Sea [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:00 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerning water rate increase

Hi,

I'd like to respectfully voice concern about raising the water rates in Martin County, KY.

Considering the consistently abysmal quality of the water provided and the crumbling infrastructure, raising prices seems cruel.

Most of the county is surviving on fixed incomes or an incredibly low minimum wage. The rates are already higher than most surrounding counties for much worse and more dangerous water.

Please try to find alternatives to the problem other than jacking up rates on an already impoverished and disenfranchised population.

Y'all have the ability to find alternate solutions and I sincerely hope you actually try.

The citizens of Martin County deserve better than to be continually raked over the coals by their own local government.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns - case no. 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Crystal Schuller [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:27 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerns - case no. 2021-00154

Dear Sir or Madam,

I've been made aware that there are plans to further increase the cost of water in Martin County. I'm writing to express my concerns about this choice.

As you're certainly aware, 34% of Martin County residents live below the poverty line. Further increasing the cost of a basic utility will put many of these people beyond the threshold of access, or may require them to give up other basic needs in order to have access to water.

I'm sure I don't need to explain that access to clean, safe drinking water is vital to health and survival. And since relocation may be out-of-reach for many residents for any number of reasons, many will be left simply without options to obtain this vitally important resource.

I understand there are likely fiscal reasons for this increase. But it seems clear to me, that the costs first to be cut in lean times should not be the lives of Martin County residents. Moral humanity simply requires us to find another way.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen

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Crystal Schuller

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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns about case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:34:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Maggie Pierce [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:28 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerns about case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am very concerned about the proposition to raise the water bills for the people of Martin County. It is my understanding that the proposed bill will increase water prices to nearly double what they were in 2018. I am worried that many people who already struggle to pay bills will be unable to cope with the added expense. I sincerely hope that you will do everything in your power to keep water prices low in Martin County and avoid any unnecessary price increases.

Best,
Maggie Pierce

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns about case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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From: Sam Myers [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:44 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerns about case 2021-00154

Hello,

I am incredibly concerned about the effect that the water bill increase in Martin County, KY, will have on its citizens. People are already struggling to pay their bills. It is immoral to increase the cost of this necessity that isn't even clean enough or safe to drink within a community with stagnant wages.

If this rate increase goes through, people are going to die. We've seen this happen before in other places in the United States and it will happen here, too. Please have some compassion for your residents and recognize how unethical this decision is.

Sam Myers

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns about Martin County Water Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Sean Mcmillan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:06 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerns about Martin County Water Rate Increase

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Sean McMillan, I am a concerned citizen writing to advocate against increasing the rate on water in Martin County. The people of Martin County, many of whom earn minimum wage or are on a fixed income, cannot afford another increase in the price of water. The residents of Martin Co. deserve affordable, clean water. Please do not increase the price of water for the residents of Martin County.

Thank you for your time,
Sean McMillan

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:22:00 AM

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From: Stephanie King [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:40 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerns

Hello

I am writing about concerns for the increase in payments for water service to Martin County. I'm overwhelmed by the amount of low income, impoverished households in your community and the information that's being distributed that in less than 3 years water prices have increased 70%. I'm also concerned about the poor water quality. How do you plan to ensure this will not negatively impact the poor and the households on fixed income?

-Stephanie King

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Do not raise rates for water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:15:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Jessica Salvatore [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:15 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Do not raise rates for water

Hello,

This email is in opposition to raising the rates for water in Martin County (case #2021-00154).

Martin County has some of the worst quality water in the state of Kentucky, and at the same time, residents are paying some of the highest costs.

If the rates are raised, this would bring the total price gouge to 70% increase since 2018! That's not even 3 years ago yet, and is incredibly wrong considering the water quality is still so poor. Why does it cost more if it's not any better? This same question can be asked of previous raises on the rates.

Furthermore, a majority of residents in Martin County cannot afford this increase, just like they couldn't afford the last. Most are on fixed incomes or only make minimum wage, a measly \$7.25.

Instead of raising rates on water, put the pressure on the County Water Board to improve the water.

And once they do, still don't approve any raises on rates. They deserve to have access to clean and affordable water! It's a human right that they are being denied, and as public servants, it's your job to ensure their health and quality of life are protected.

Thank you for your time,

Jess Salvatore

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Inquiry Regarding Case Number 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:12:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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Best Regards,

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From: Kat Wortham [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:30 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Inquiry Regarding Case Number 2021-00154

Hello,

I have numerous reservations regarding the rate increase for water services and management in Martin County, Kentucky. Many of the residents will not be able to pay the increase. Please review and consider keeping the rate the same as it is currently.

Thank you.

Best,

Kat

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin Co water increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: courtney.a.buchholz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:56 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin Co water increase

Hi my name is Courtney Buchholz and I am interested in speaking in the issue of the Martin Co water increase. As a healthcare worker and citizen who pays a hefty water bill I can tell you that increasing the water rate will have longterm negative effects on the constituents of this county.

I find it appalling to increase the rate at the level and speed at which it has increased in the last 5 years. If you care for the health, well-being, and economic security of your citizens you will reverse this decision and keep HEALTHY water affordable for all.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin Co. Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Monica Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:43 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin Co. Water

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen about another increase in the rates for the citizens of Martin Co. It is my understanding they pay some of the highest rates currently and do not have water quality to match the rates paid. Please reevaluate this increase for these citizens until what is in place can be better improved and please evaluate the ability of the citizens that reside in this county's ability to pay such sharp increases.

Thank you,
Monica Hall

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: julia simpson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:23 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County

America has its eyes on you. Please don't raise the rates for the water in Martin country. Haven't these people suffered enough? They have to pay ridiculous prices for some of the worst quality water in the country, and many people can barely afford to feed themselves and their children. I am deeply, deeply concerned for the people who live there. They deserve better.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Concern
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:58:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
Administrative Branch Manager
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From: Jackson Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:21 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Concern

The people of Martin County are highly concerned about Case #2021-00154 and would like it to be addressed thoroughly, responsibly, and swiftly.

Thank you,
Jackson M M

From: [REDACTED] n S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County KY Water Rate Hike
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:25:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Indie Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 1:43 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; [REDACTED], Phillip [REDACTED], Phillip (State Sen.) (LRC) [REDACTED]
Subject: Martin County KY Water Rate Hike

I am a born-and-raised citizen of Kentucky, and I love my state and all the people in it. I need your help with a situation in the eastern part of our great Commonwealth. Recently, I was made aware of a pressing issue concerning the citizens of Martin County, Kentucky, by a young woman who was discussing the water quality issues and a recent request to the Kentucky Public Service Commission by the local water board to increase the rates for the citizens.

I find this incredibly concerning for several reasons. Not only has Martin County suffered the recent devastation by severe local flooding, but they have also had consistent issues with bad water quality. And yet, their water rates have continued to climb. If this requested increase is granted, their rates will have more than doubled in just the past two years alone. According to the U.S. Census, the per capita income for the past 12 months for them is \$18,070. Almost 35% of that county lives in poverty. Many people have only minimum wage jobs to choose from and many more on a fixed income. The citizens cannot sustain continued increases in a daily necessity such as water.

This is shameful. Not only should the increase be denied, they should be ordered to decrease

the rate until the water quality and availability for all Martin County citizens has vastly improved. I am calling on the political leadership at both state and federal level to intervene for the Kentuckians in this county.

We are #TeamKentucky and #TogetherKY. All of us.

Sincerely,
Emily P. Oakes

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:18:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: sara young [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 1:18 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County rate increase

Don't let the water rates be increased in Martin County. People cannot afford another rate increase for water. This will be a financial disaster for residents trying to live on minimum wage jobs. People deserve clean, affordable water.

Sara Young

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:55:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Faith Leonard [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:21 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

To whom it may concern:

The people of Martin County should not see another increase to their water bill rate. The water quality has not improved and the wages of the people cannot withstand this increase. Access to water is not, but should be, a human right. Please do not approve this rate increase for Martin County.

Thanks,

Faith

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Bill
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:31:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: TRUEBLOOD, GWENDOLYN [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 12:12 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Bill

Hello,

My name is Gwen Trueblood, and I'm emailing about the recently requested increase to the cost of water in Martin County (case #2021-00154). The rate would be up by 70% since 2018. Water is such a basic necessity and I'm very worried that many working-class people will not be able to afford it if the increase is approved. Please do not let this happen.

Sincerely, Gwen Trueblood

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Bill
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Sincerely, Gwen Trueblood

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:56:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Olivia B [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:47 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Increase

Good evening,

I am a concerned citizen and would like to address the increased water bill proposal in Martin County, Kentucky. I am concerned that the water bill increase will negatively affect the people of Martin County, as many are on a low or fixed income. The COVID-19 pandemic has economically affected United States citizens as well, as many people have lost their income and have struggled to find jobs that support their financial needs. I urge you to consider not raising the rates that Martin County citizens pay for water, as it will negatively affect the community. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Olivia Barrett

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Rate Concerns
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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-----Original Message-----

From: Adrian Melendez [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:12 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Rate Concerns

Hello, as a concerned citizen, I worry about the possible rate increase for the water in Martin county.

Such quick rise in rates over the past few years is likely too steep a bill for the many of the people in Martin to handle in their home economics. With such little time and sharp rise over relatively little time is likely to strain family budgets that have not had time manage to rising and rising costs.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County water rate hike
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: Kit [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:57 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County water rate hike

To whom it may concern,

While I am not a KY resident, I have family in Martin County, and I am concerned to hear that another water rate hike is planned. It is well known that Martin County has some of the worst water quality in the state, and yet the citizens of Martin County are some of the most impoverished in the state. I am told that the cost of water has nearly doubled in two years.

This is truly unconscionable. What is the justification for this rate increase? This could be catastrophic for the community. I hope you will consider the health, welfare, and economic realities of your citizens before you burden them even more with usurious rates on barely-potable water.

With sincere concern,
Catherine Messick

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

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From: Megan Jacobsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:41 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Rate Increase

Hi!

I'm emailing about the rate increase of Martin County water as a concerned citizen. I was wondering why the county has decided to charge even more money to the already strapped citizens of Martin County to force them to pay more money for water that doesn't work. This sounds like money best taken from the existing state budget, rather than increasing the rate for the citizens who are already paying more than much of Kentucky for water they can't effectively use.

Hope you find a better solution!

Megan Jacobsen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:55:00 AM

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From: j wills [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:15 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Rate Increase

Hello,

It has come to my attention that the Martin County Water Board has gone to the PSC in attempt to raise rates on water within the county.

It deeply concerns me that if approved, this would more than double the rates that citizens of Martin County have paid for water since 2018 while having some of the worst quality water in the state.

I urge you not to allow for a rate increase and to think of how it would affect the residents of Martin County.

Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin county water rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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From: KickBass [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:23 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin county water rate increase

Dear PSC of Kentucky,
Hello, I am writing as a concerned citizen as I've heard that there has been a request to increase the rate for water by 70% by the water board of Martin county. I am concerned that this rate increase will cause harm to both the local economy as well as the well-being of the citizens of Martin county.

thank you,
Joseph Heidler

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:24:00 AM

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From: Lydia Straka [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:30 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Rate Increase

Hello,

My name is Lydia Straka, and I live in New Orleans, Louisiana. I am concerned to hear that the Martin County Water Board has requested another rate increase for their citizens. This would increase water bills to more than double the 2018 rate. This is completely unreasonable given that the majority of jobs in Martin County pay minimum wage, which has not increased at all from \$7.25/hr over the last two years. I'm very worried about the effects that this rate increase would have on the people of Martin County.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Lydia Straka

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Supply
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: Peyton Ordner [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:17 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Supply

Hello,

My name is Peyton Ordner and I'd like to express my concern about the water quality and prices in Martin County, Kentucky. The case is #2021-00154.

Low-income areas that survive off minimum wage should not be exploited by raising water rates to an impossible level. I'm worried about what will happen to these people if they are deprived of the most essential resource there is.

Thank you, and I trust you'll do something to rectify the situation.

Peyton Ordner

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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From: Amber Baxter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 7:04 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

To Who It Is Applicable,

As a concerned citizen I must urge this governing body to reconsider the price increases they are preparing to impose on Martin County citizens. As most are aware Martin County's citizens are primarily impoverished and have already had a price increase in the last few years. This new rate increase would disproportionately affect these citizens who are already receiving, by all found accounts, a subpar to hazardous product.

Please be swift with correcting this issue.

Regards,
Amber Baxter

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: Rebecca Essling [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:31 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

I am very concerned about the water rate increase proposed for Martin County.

With a 40% poverty rate in the county and the cost of water increasing 70% already over the past few years, a further rate increase of 12% is unjust.

Please do not allow this rate increase to move forward.
Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:16:00 AM

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From: Nicole Sss. [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:57 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I am a concerned citizen reaching out about the rate increase for water in Martin county. I believe this is something that should be considered further as most of the citizens in Martin County are paid minimum wage or are on a fixed income. Please reconsider.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Nicole Snowden

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

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From: nelleh buschle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:01 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

Martin County currently has a very poor quality of water their water prices are also continuing to rise, despite the poor quality. Many in Kentucky, especially in this county, have a fixed income and are in poverty. Clean affordable water is what Kentuckians deserve, which is why I am emailing you as a concerned citizen. Please don't allow the rate to increase, and help those in the county finally get clean water.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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-----Original Message-----

From: Debbie Adair [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:06 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

Can you give me some information about the water situation in Martin County? Why are you going up on rates? How can people who earn as little as most do there possibly afford such an increase? Water is a needed resource. It isn't a luxury. Please help me to understand how this is right or just in service to the people of Martin County. I appreciate your time to consider this and look forward to your reply.

Debbie Adair Sending from my iPad

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:54:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Martin County Water District. 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, 2021-00154, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00154 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kat Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:29 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

To whom it may concern,

My name is Katherine, and I am a citizen of Kentucky. Regarding the rate increase for water in Martin County, I am very concerned about the effects this will have on the people who live there. Water is a human right, and with minimum wage being \$7.25 throughout KY, not to mention the amount of people living on a fixed income, this could force many Kentuckians to go without. If this bill passes, those living on the edge of poverty will be pushed to it, and the lives of those already struggling to survive will be on your head. Please reconsider this bill. Do not take this lightly. Think of the people you swore to serve.

Thank you
Katherine

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

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From: Thomas W [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:38 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water

Who is in charge of these price increases?
70% since 2018? Are you mad?
Do you realize how dangerous this is?

Aside from the people driven to poverty over this, people will begin using county water less. They will get sick from local pathogens and cost more money.

Does no one there understand why you have centralized utilities?

-Thomas Willard
[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:11:00 AM

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From: Lorelei Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County

I am horrified to hear about the water conditions in Martin County. You have failed your people. Please take action NOW.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County, KY
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Hannah Greenwell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:15 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County, KY

Hello,

I have recently heard about the potential rate increase of water bills for the people of Martin County and in general the poor quality of their water. I am from Louisville and experience a very different and more fair situation here. I really hope that our concern here in Louisville for the people of Martin County can be heard.

Thank you for your time

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:34:00 AM

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From: Cement Sprout [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:40 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County

Good morning,

I have come to learn about a proposed rate increase for the people of Martin County- an increase the people can not afford for water that is poor quality. It is clear that the people are being taken advantage of and i'm concerned for both their safety as it relates to the poor quality water as well as the impacts at this rate increase a group of people trying to live off of minimum wage and fixed incomes.

Please have humanity and do better.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Message from Concerned Citizen
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:12:00 AM

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From: Erik Meltzer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:06 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Message from Concerned Citizen

To whomever it may be concerned,

I am writing about Case #2021-00154 and my concerns. It has come to my attention that the water bill in your area has seen an almost doubled rate since 2018, and I find that unacceptable and inhumane as many of your citizens in your local area are on a fixed income with a low minimum wage.

Please reconsider, and think of the people you are affecting and not just the amount of money in your pockets.

Thank you and take care.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Planned rate increase 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:00 AM

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From: Victoria Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:39 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Planned rate increase 2021-00154

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed rate increase for water in Martin County. Access to water is a human right yet the rate increase threatens to cut off access to water to many people living in the County who cannot afford the increase. Please protect the consumers, not the companies!

Sincerely,
Victoria

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed Water Bill
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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From: Heather Owens [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:58 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Proposed Water Bill

Hello,

I am emailing as a concerned citizen in regards to case #2021-00154. Raising the water prices in Martin County will be detrimental to the locals as the majority are working minimum wage jobs or are on fixed incomes. On top of that, you are asking people to pay for water that isn't even healthy to drink.

If you need extra money, find it elsewhere and stop stealing from your citizens.

Thank you,
Heather R. Owens

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[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Comment on Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:15:00 AM

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From: Kim Duffy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:24 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on Case #2021-00154

Dear Members of the Commission:

As a concerned citizen, I am writing today regarding the proposed rate hike on water prices in Martin Co.

Rate increases will effect the most vunerable members of the community who have been on the receiving end of so many of the hardships that we have lived through this last year. I'm worried that further increases to water bills will push already strapped families over the edge. With prices more that doubling in less than 5 years the price of this necessity may be out of reach.

Thank you for your consideration of this important aspect of the proposal you are considering.

Kim Duffy

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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From: Morse, Michelle R. (Student) [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:48 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Rate increase

Get [REDACTED]

From: Morse, Michelle R. (Student)
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:46:53 AM
To: psc.info@ky.gov <psc.info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increase

Good morning,

I am very concerned about your citizens. First, the water they are consuming is of questionable quality and now you're planning a rate increase of which they can't afford to pay. This rate increase should not be passed.

Michelle Morse

Get [REDACTED]

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:19:00 AM

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From: Morse, Michelle R. (Student) [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:47 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increase

Good morning,

I am very concerned about your citizens. First, the water they are consuming is of questionable quality and now you're planning a rate increase of which they can't afford to pay. This rate increase should not be passed.

Michelle Morse

Ge [REDACTED]

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate increase concern
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:59:00 AM

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From: Kayla Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:02 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increase concern

Hi,

I'm emailing in regards to Case # 2021-00154 for Martin County. I am writing to express my concerns that this rate increase will make it impossible for some residents to be able to afford water. As you well know, water is one of the most important necessities in life. Please reconsider this rate increase.

Thank you,

Kayla Adams

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate increase concerns
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:00:00 AM

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From: Andrea Millar [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 5:47 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increase concerns

Hello,

As an American citizen, I am concerned about the possible rate increases for water. These increases will make it even harder for Kentuckians to live. Please don't increase.

Thanks!
Andrea

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate Increase in Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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From: Sarah Twiddy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 8:35 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate Increase in Martin County

Good morning,

I'm concerned about the water rate increase in case #2021-00154. The citizens who live there will have seen a 70% increase in the cost of their water since 2018. That is ridiculous and abhorrent.

Please do not raise the water bill anymore. Martin County already pays some of the highest rates in the state, and on top of that have some of the worst water quality.

Think about the well-being of the people of Martin County. Please.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah Twiddy

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:55:00 AM

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From: Beth W [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:17 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increase

I am a concerned citizen writing about the water situation in Martin County. I am worried the rate increase will have a devastating effect on the people there. Many people in Martin County have minimum wage jobs or are on fixed income.

Beth Williford

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

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From: Kara Chassey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:09 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increase

I am a concerned citizen of the US and very worried about the rate increase for the people of Martin County, Kentucky.

Kara Chassey

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:25:00 AM

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From: ROBERT SMITH [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:05 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate Increase

To Whom It May Concern,

I am concerned as to the effects another rate increase will have on the residents of Martin County.

Please do not approve this rate increase many residents cannot afford another increase.

Thank You

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Regarding case #2021- 00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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From: Alex McCreary [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:15 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Regarding case #2021- 00154

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen about case #2021- 00154 and the proposed rate increase for the Martin County.

I am worried that this increase will have negative effects on the people of Martin County.

Thank You,
Alex McCreary-Ellis

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Regarding Case 2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:03 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Regarding Case 2021-00154

I am writing as a citizen concerned about the proposal for a rate increase for water in Martin County. The water quality is abysmal and does not justify the the current costs, let alone an increase in rate.

The residents of Martin County cannot afford the recent increases. This is inhumane. Please do not raise rates again.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Rising water costs for the people of Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:18:00 AM

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From: Meredith Dickey [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:59 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rising water costs for the people of Martin County

Hello,

I recently learned that the water costs for Martin county citizens may be about to rise 70% from what they are now. I am very concerned about how this would affect these people, and I beg you to please keep the water prices from rising. We all know times have been tough recently for so many because of the pandemic, please do not let the burden become greater with this increase.

Thank you
Meredith Dickey

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Bill Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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From: Ellen Horne [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:15 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Bill Increase

Hi,

I'm emailing as a concerned citizen about the increase in rates for water for Martin County. I am deeply concerned about how it will affect residents here whose incomes are not increasing. Please deny this rate increase.

Best,
Ellen Horne

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water bill
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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From: Jen Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:55 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water bill

I am writing to express concern for the increasing cost and quality of water in Martin county. This is a bare necessity- no one in our country should worry about being able to pay the water bill. No one in our country should worry if the water coming out of their taps is safe. The people of Martin county deserve better. Please do not allow a price hike AGAIN!

Thank you
Jennifer Murphy

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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From: naima tine [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 9:10 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water case #2021-00154

Hi,

Concerned citizen please do not increase the rates on water those in Martin County Kentucky. I'm the effects this will have on the residents of the county.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Cost Increases
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:55:00 AM

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From: La Ananas [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:18 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Cost Increases

As a citizen, I am very concerned and worried of the impact the new increase in water prices will have on those in Martin County, especially those making extremely low wages.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water in Martin county
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:35:00 AM

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From: julia johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:27 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water in Martin county

I am against the water rate increase for the residents of Martin county please listen to the people in your district

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:59:00 AM

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From: Heather Michelle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 5:58 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Increase

I am writing you as a concerned citizen about the proposed increase in the cost of water for Martin County (case #2021-00154). A large amount of people in this county are making minimum wage or live on a fixed income and will not be able to withstand an increase in their cost of water. Thank you.

Heather Hubbard

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Price Hike in Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:25:00 AM

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From: s s [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:11 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Price Hike in Martin County

Dear PSC,

Please do not raise the price of water in Martin County. The water quality is some of the worst in the state and the price already went up in 2018. This would make it very hard on folks living in the area.

Case #2021-00154

- A concerned citizen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Price Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner
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Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Lexie Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Price Increase

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen who is worried about the effect that the rising water prices will have on the residents of Martin County. It is to my knowledge that since 2018, water prices have increased 70%; as this county is low income, this is extremely troublesome to me. I would ask you to please do what you can to make sure this does not happen.

Alexis Thomas

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water price increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:26:00 AM

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From: Mark Heath [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:10 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water price increase

I'm really concerned about how this rate increase will affect the people of Main county.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water prices
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:31:00 AM

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From: June Ward [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:09 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water prices

I'm writing in regards to the article in the newspaper article. The water is not drinkable , goes out often , and we pay crazy prices now for water and sewer . The people can't afford this especially when a lot of people aren't working. I work hard to pay my bills and the water and sewer bills are already to high. Need to help Ky members .

Thank you

From: [REDACTED] S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water prices
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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Thank you

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water rate concern
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:50 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water rate concern

To whom it may concern -

I strongly object the rate increase in case #2021-00154. This will hurt the people of Martin County greatly. Please reconsider.

Every deserves access to water.

Thanks

Emilee Lindner

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water rate hikes
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:56:00 AM

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From: Lisa Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:09 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water rate hikes

Hello,

This is pertaining to case # 2021-00154. I'm very concerned about citizens of Martin County having to pay high water rates when their income is not compatible with these expenses. Rate hikes like these condemn people to consistent poverty and that is no way for people to live.

Please abandon the plan to increase rates and restore respect for the people of Kentucky.

Lisa Pegg

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Rate Increase Case#2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:28:00 AM

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From: Donna Fullhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:55 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Rate Increase Case#2021-00154

I am writing as a concerned citizen in regards to yet another proposed rate increase. In Martin County we have a median household income of \$35,000, the majority of families cannot afford to own a home, the continued increase in the basic necessities are making it impossible for most of us to live. You add to this that our water quality is so low that we must purchase bottled water, therefore increasing our expenses even more, it is not only unreasonable but irresponsible for our leadership to agree to any more price increases.

Ypu are here to represent the people of Martin County, consider our well being when you make the decision about Case# 2021-00154.

Donna Fullhart

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Rate increase in Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:00 AM

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From: Brenda [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:41 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Rate increase in Martin County

RE: case 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the water rate increase proposed for Martin County. People are struggling to feed their family and after the devastation of the pandemic this increase is particularly harsh.

With a 40% poverty rate in the county and the cost of water increasing 70% already over the past few years, a further rate increase of 12% is unjust and unacceptable. I am asking for you to do the right thing for the people of Martin county and deny this increase.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Brenda Shope

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:00 AM

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From: Katie Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:18 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water rate increase

Good evening,

I am very concerned about the water rate increase proposed for Martin County. With a 40% poverty rate in the county and the cost of water increasing 70% already over the past three years, a further rate increase of 12% is unjust. Please do not allow this rate increase to move forward.

Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water rate increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:21:00 AM

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From: Caraline Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:35 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water rate increase

Hi, I am emailing because I am concerned about the impacts that the increase in water rates will have on Martin County citizens. Many survive off of minimum wage or fixed income and increasing the cost of a necessity like water will have an unfair negative impact on quality of life. I urge you to not increase the rates. (I am referring to case # 2021-00154) Thank you.

Caraline

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Rate Increase
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:07:00 AM

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From: Wilson 1095 [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:34 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Rate Increase

Hello, I currently live in Kentucky and I understand this organization is looking to raise the rates for water again. This rate increase will be devastating to the community and will drastically hurt the citizens that live there. This area has some of the worst water quality in the state and in America, it is despicable that you would look to increase the already excessive water bill while doing absolutely nothing to fix the water quality issues. The rates for water, a basic necessity, will be 70% higher than it was just a few years ago if this rate increase goes through. The people in this area cannot afford this, the minimum wage is the lowest it can be in this country and many citizens are living on it or a very low fixed income. I demand you halt this rate increase and also work quickly to increase the quality and access to water in the area you represent!

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water rate increases in Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:27:00 AM

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From: Rachel Legonou [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water rate increases in Martin County

I recently learned that water rates have increased by 80% in the last two years, and there is currently another water rate increase planned. I don't know how anyone can afford such price increases, especially retired people on fixed incomes.

Everyone needs water to survive. Please reconsider this rate increase.

Sincerely,
Rachel Legonou

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water rates
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:13:00 AM

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From: Meredith R [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:38 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water rates

Hi, I'm writing as a concerned citizen about your water quality and rates. Please find a way to improve the quality while keeping the rates low.

Lack of access to clean water during a pandemic could be a disaster.

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Rates
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:34:00 AM

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From: Valerie Schmit [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 11:37 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water Rates

Water quality should be a higher priority than rate increases, seems completely ridiculous...

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water! Case #2021-00154
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:00 AM

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From: Natatat Tweedle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:38 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water! Case #2021-00154

You Simply can not raise the cost of water in this area without raising the minimum wage to a living wage of 20 dollars an hour. We live in the richest country in the world and the state is going to withhold water? This is a basic right clean water. Do not raise the cost of water!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:29:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 8:51 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water

To whom it may concern:

I am concerned about raising the cost of water. This would be a 70% increase since 2019 and many people in Martin county live on fixed income. Please consider this.

Sincerely,
Ava Curtis

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:18:00 AM

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From: ansley stephenson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:48 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water

To whom it may concern,

Please reconsider the price gouging of water for the people of Martin County. People have families to care for.

Thank you

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:33:00 AM

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From: Jennifer Winchel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water

Hello there. As a former Kentucky resident for 3 years I am writing today to ask a couple questions. The water quality in Martin County is extraordinarily bad. What is actively being done to combat this and improve the water quality for my former neighbors and friends?

Secondly, exactly why in the world would, yet another rate increase even be considered? Have improvements been made that would justify such an increase? Has the pay of administration and staff been addressed at all? Without local wages being increased, how are citizens expected to be able to afford this?

I anxiously await your reply. Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Winchel

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water/ Martin County
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:31:00 AM

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From: Dana Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 5:32 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Water/ Martin County

I am extremely concerned to learn that people in this commonwealth not only lack access to fresh, healthy water but are now looking at yet another rate increase? Please tell me that I've missed something here.

Thank you,

Dana Cohen
Life long Kentucky resident

Sent from my iPhone

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Dana Cohen
Life long Kentucky resident

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