

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2021-00154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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

From: Sarah Stulga [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 9:11 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2021-00154

Please deny the rate increase on water. I am very concerned about the burden of this increase on the residents of Martin County.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Stulga

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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From: Alan Sea [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 2:16 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

I'm writing as a concerned citizen to ask that you deny the water rate increase. Access to affordable, clean water should be the standard for all residents of Martin Co. and proposing a rate increase without first finding a way to meet the most basic requirements is in poor taste.

Thank you for your time,

Alan Sea

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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From: Kaitlyn Sass [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 4:53 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE # 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,
I am writing today because I am concerned about the people of Martin County. This rate increase will hurt so many people who make minimum wage and are on a fixed income. Since this makes up the majority of the county it makes no sense to continue to raise the water rate without improving the quality of water. The water is unsuitable for consuming! Clean Water is a basic human right and it is disgraceful that this council is charging its citizens such a ridiculous amount of money for unusable water. I am asking you to DENY THE INCREASE.

Thank you

Best,

Kaitlyn Sass

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Kaitlyn Sass
She/Her/Hers

Psychology Undergraduate (Class of 2020) | [Resident Advisor](#)
California State University, Monterey Bay

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From: Erin Krueger [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 2:02 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: case # 2021-00154

Dear sir or madam,

Please do not increase water rates for the residents of Martin County! It is too much for a community for whom most members live on minimum wage or a fixed income.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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From: Julia Farese [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 7:34 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2021-00154

I am very concerned about the effect of the water price increase.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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From: Fedner Lauture [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:18 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hi,

I am a concerned citizen. I heard about the new rate increase in Martin County. Additionally, I have heard that Martin County not only has some of the worst National water quality but also some of the highest rates.

I understand the need to balance the price of water in order to pay for improvements; however, it seems like y'all are beating a dead horse. The working class citizens can't support these rate increases. In fact, the cost of living may actually drive many of them to leave your state.

If the minimum wage was higher, maybe they could afford it. But at this time, you're really hurting the people of your state. I hope you come up with another solution like raising the minimum wage. I would hate to see Kentucky suffer a crisis like Flint, Michigan.

Be blessed,

Fedner Lauture

“We are stardust brought to life, then empowered by the universe to figure itself out—and we have only just begun.” – Neil DeGrasse Tyson

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From: M B [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:24 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I'm writing as a concerned citizen urging you to deny the water rate increase for Martin County. There's been at least a 70% rate increase since 2018 in an area where most of the jobs pay minimum wage and people are struggling to make ends meet. Another rate increase is going to create life-threatening hardship. Deny the rate increase.

Melanie Climis
Shepherdstown, WV

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From: Stan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:28 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

Please do more to take care of your resident's in Martin County by NOT raising the water rates (AGAIN)!!
The thought of this being done again is disgusting!

Thank you for your time.
Stanley Barber

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From: Estrella Ingram [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 9:04 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

Please do not raise the price of water again for the people you give service to. The community is already on a tight budget and hit hard by the pandemic. Considering that most places are still struggling from another economic crash, the fact that you think it would be in your communities best interest to make them pay more for horrible water is atrocious.

Doubling the water bill for people that are just trying to get by is putrid. Do not implement this increase and strain the community you "support".

Concerned citizen,

Estrella Ingram

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From: I S [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 9:08 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Hello,

I am writing to voice concern over the proposed increase in rates for water in Martin County. My neighbors in your county are hardworking folks whom already struggle to make ends meet. This increase will be a further burden on these individuals. Water and access to it is a right all humans have and the rate increase will put folks in the position to have to go without it, or with less, which is entirely unacceptable. Please keep this in mind during your meeting tomorrow. While you're at it, please consider using that time when you come together to discuss ways in which you can improve water quality for this community.

Best,
A. Schwenn

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From: Dedra Espinoza [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 9:08 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

I am greatly concerned about the proposed wAter rate increase in Martin County. Most people in the county work minimum wage jobs and a great many are on fixed incomes. The rate has already more than doubled in the past two years. Many people are already struggling and sacrificing o continue paying for water. Y'all are about to deny people access to water by pricing it beyond their financial reach. Please consider this and make the right decision for the people of Martin Co.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Miesha Juluke [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 4:02 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Deny the water cost increase and please help improve the quality of water for the people of Martin County.--

Best,

M. Juluke

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From: Margaret Gibbons [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:39 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Good afternoon,

I am writing as a citizen of the United States in regard to Case #2021-00154

I believe this price increase will have a devastating impact on the families who are already struggling with their bills due to job loss and the pandemic. As well as, the citizens who have a disability and unable to work.

Please vote to deny the price increase and show the citizens that their well being is an important issue that you take seriously.

Sincerely,
Margaret Soto

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Stephanie R [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:19 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Good Afternoon

I just wanted to voice my concerns about the water bills increasing for the people in the county. I would like to ask you to reconsider this as minimum wage is \$7.25/hour and it is impossible to make a living on that much less deal with increases in bills that mean having your most basic need met. Humans need water to survive, period. There has to be a better way.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Ralston

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From: Miranda Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:44 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: CASE #2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

Please serve the people of Martin County, KY and deny the rate increase. More than half of the residents of Martin County already have added costs of living as most must drive at least 30 minutes out of county to a job to receive income as cost of living and job opportunities are not balanced in the area.

Not to mention, most that aren't working in Martin County are disabled or retired individuals trying to live out their lives with less worries only to constantly endure poor water conditions and no concern for the county or community. Alliance knew the issues that already existed when agreeing to fix them! Do not punish the residents of a county that has been ran by individuals that only cared about profit and not the well-being and living needs of the residents.

Thank you,

Miranda Davis

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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From: Grace Tant [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 7:55 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2021-00154

Good morning!

I'm writing to express my concern regarding case #2021-00154, the proposed water utility rate increase in Martin County.

The good folks in Martin County already face the challenges of high poverty rates and a lack of well-paying jobs, and I'm very worried that many will not be able to afford any further rate increases, especially after the huge rate increases in recent years.

It's our moral obligation to help those in need, so I'm calling on the KY Public Service Commission to consider our neighbors in Martin County and reject any further rate increases.

Thank you for your time!
Regards,
Grace Tant

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From: Lorri B [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 5:03 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

I understand that the Water Board of Martin County has requested a rate increase. What has been done to ensure that the water is safe for the citizens of the county? Also, has the effect of this increase on the economy of the county been considered? Those with minimum wage jobs will have less to spend to boost their local economy.

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From: kyra lucas [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 5:13 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

Hello,

I'm really concerned about the effects of increasing the water bill rates. People cannot afford this and I'll go down to protest if I have to.

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From: Kelly Breen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7:56 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2021-00154

I'm concerned to hear that the Martin County Water board is asking for a rate increase again, I believe that it should be denied. I attended college in KY and understand that not every area has a lot of higher paying jobs, so I'm concerned about how people working minimum wage jobs or on a fixed income can afford these continuous rate increases.

Again please deny this rate increase.

Thank you and have a blessed day!

Kelly Breen

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 4:41 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
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To whom it may concern,

The proposed rate increase is untenable to the residents of Martin County. Every day citizens in an economically depressed area should not have to pay for incredibly poor quality water with both their health and their hard earned money. This is not a solution, and puts the onus of the problem on the backs of citizens who did nothing to cause the situation. Come up with a better solution.

Respectfully,
Anne O'Brien, Esq.

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From: Helena Valvur [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 10:33 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my concerns about the upcoming Case # 2021-00154. The proposed rate increase will place an undue burden on the constituents of your county by more than doubling the water prices since 2018. Please deny this increase when it comes up for discussion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lena Valvur

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From: Lauren D [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 4:03 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# - 2021-00154

Hello,

In regards to Case 2021-00154, please deny this increase. I am a born and raised Kentuckian and a concerned citizen. I am very worried as to what this rate increase will do to the people of Martin County. Thank you!

All the best,

Lauren Davis

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lia Niforos [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:58 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

To whom it may concern, please deny the increase for case # 2021-00154

Thank you

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:22:00 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.

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From: Holly Hensley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:58 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you about the rate increase for water in Martin County. I don't know if you understand the hardship it will put on the people of the region. I would hope it's ignorance on your part. I am from Letcher County, the people of the region mostly work for minimum wage, and are barely making it week to week. It will be a shame if people have to decide between paying their water bill and food or rent or the shoes their children need. I hope you have a good heart. And if you're a Christian then you should think What Would Jesus Do? And I mean really think about it, like how you'll explain it to your Lord and Savior. I pray you'll do the right thing, or you'll have to explain to the rest of us and then him.

Sincerely,
Holly Hensley

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Alicia Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:49 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

I am writing to you in regard to the rate increase for Martin County. As a citizen of Eastern Kentucky I am very aware of the hardships that Kentuckians face and strongly urge you to deny the rate increase. The people of Martin County deserve quality drinking water as well as deserve to keep it affordable. Eastern Kentucky is home to some of the poorest counties in the country and the last thing they need is to have a necessity come to them at a luxury cost. Help the people of Martin County and deny the increase.

Alicia Davis

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:20:00 AM

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

I am writing as a concerned citizen. I am worried about the effects that the water rate increase will have on underserve and underpaid citizens in your community. Please consider those that are already stretched beyond their means in an incredibly trying time.

Thank you.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-00154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 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: Karis Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 8:08 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-00154

To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned about the rate increase for Martin County proposed in Case# 2021-00154. Residents should not be subjected to increases without some improvement and a continued rate increase in these hard times, would only be justified if there was some great improvement of the water quality immediately. Please encourage the water board to look for ways to improve without raising costs of water (a required element for life) service when so many in the service area are facing economic hardship.

Regards,
Karis Russell

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case# 2021-005154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 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: Danielle Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 10:01 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case# 2021-005154

2021-005154

Please do not approve a rate increase in Martin County. The people of Martin County cannot afford a rate increase. Many people are on a fixed income, or make only minimum wage if they have a job.

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case#2021-00154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:23:00 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.

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

From: Nikki Marks [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:35 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case#2021-00154

To Whom it May Concern:

I implore you to deny a rate increase for water on a community that is struggling financially. Do the right thing.

Nikki Marks

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerned About Water Bills
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 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 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Beverly Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 9:24 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerned About Water Bills

Hello,
Referencing case #2021-00154

I am a concerned citizen writing to tell you that I am concerned about rate increases for water in Martin County, KY. Please reconsider the decision to increase how much residents pay for their water bills, as the water is already not high quality and many people in Martin County live on a minimum wage of 7.25 or a fixed income. This decision does not seem to be in the best interests of this community.

Beverly Jones

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns over case #2021-00154
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:21:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Hannah Escareno [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:19 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Concerns over case #2021-00154

Hello I'm emailing as a citizen concerned about the proposed rate increase in Martin county (case #2021-00154) and how this increase will affect the people of our county. I am urging you to please **deny** this rate increase. Thank you.

Best,
-Hannah

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Deny water rate increase
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:20:00 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: Apryl K. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:53 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Deny water rate increase

I am a concerned citizen who has friends who live in Martin County KY. It is well known at this point that residents of Martin County have the worst quality water while paying some of the highest rates in KY. Most people who live in the region work for minimum wage and are on fixed incomes.

The rate increase would mean that the water bill will have more than doubled since 2018. I am deeply concerned with how this will affect the community.

Please deny the water rate increase. The poor water quality needs to be handled, but the cost of that remedy should not financially burden people who are already struggling to survive.

Thank you,

April King

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County Water Increase
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:24:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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

From: Maggie Connelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 10:18 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County Water Increase

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing you as a concerned citizen in regard to case #2021-00154 and the proposed water rate increase in Martin County, this would impose undue financial hardship for a necessary service when Martin County residents are already paying among the highest water rates in the state. A rate increase is unjustifiable for this reason along with there also being no improvements in water quality, which has been a known a issue. Please reconsider this proposed increase.

Regards,
Maggie Connelly

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Martin County water rate proposed increase
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:23:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 8:09 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Martin County water rate proposed increase

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully ask that you reconsider raising the water rates of people in your county who are already struggling from low wages, a pandemic, and overall poverty.

I'm a concerned citizen of Appalachia who wants to see people in my area lifted up out of poverty and distress. They can't do this if they can't even afford water.

Please reconsider your water rate increase.

Sincerely,

Kim Basnett

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