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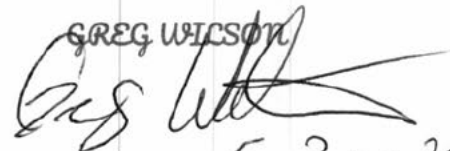
Attention; KY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (BREATHITT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT)
CASE # 2022-00136

Were writing this letter in Regard to the 56.88% increase that the Breathitt County Water District filed an application on or about March 15th 2023. This increase is absolutely insane, we have had one of the worst disasters in history in our County in July of 2022. The Disaster flood not only claimed Lives of many, but also has forced people to move and relocate and it took the water District weeks to get the water back up and running due to this natural disaster. We still have people homeless and living in campers and some cannot or hasnt even started the rebuild process yet. With this insane amount of price increase all this is gonna do is make more and more people leave the County water system and go back to Dirty/Sulpher WELL water. We hear Governor Beshear mention more often than not, he is giving counties more money for Good Clean Water, but yet the increase isnt even feasible in this poverty stricken area, we have elderly and widows on a tight income to very little income and they CANNOT afford this increase. I have spoken to the Water Board Personally and they say they are too against this significant increase as they know it will cause them to loose more and more customers and very easily could cause them to sink. The Board has insisted they agree to a 10% percent increase but not a 56.88% increase. We hope that not only do you think about the Community and Citizens but think about the Non-profits such as us the Rousseau Volunteer Fire Department, we have to raise every dime we get and every dime we spend, were not tax funded nor county or government funded and this increase alone will make it harder on us monthly. We urge the Public Commission to NOT mandate the 56.88% increase on The Breathitt County Water District and the Customers. The Breathitt Water District Board informed us that you the KY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HAS THE FINAL SAY SO ON THIS MATTER, THEREFORE WE URGE YOU TO STOP THIS INCREASE AND VOTE NO FOR A 56.88% INCREASE FOR THE BREATHITT WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS. We wasnt even made aware of any of this till this past week alone, therefore immediately springing into action and urging this 56.88% increase be rejected, not only for Rousseau Volunteer Fire Department but the Citizens as well. Thanks much for your time and Attention on this matter and thanks for NOT giving the 56.88% rate increase. We are Comfortable with a 10% increase but NOTHING more. Thanks Much

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