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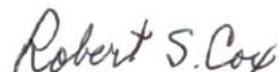
To the Public Service Commission:

I wish to protest the proposed rate increase of 32.12% by the Water Service Corporation of Kentucky. I protest this increase for the following reasons:

1. Water Service Corporation of Kentucky is completely oblivious to local conditions. Our monthly bill originates in Florida; our monthly payment goes to Philadelphia; and if we need service, the phone number we are given connects us to someone in Charlotte, NC.
2. The huge proposed increase does not mention that the sewer rates will also rise a corresponding amount.
3. WSCK received a rate increase four years ago. In recent years my average monthly bill has risen from \$30 to \$60. With this new proposed increase, my bill would rise to \$75-80 per month.
4. This year as a senior citizen, I received a 5% increase on my retirement pension, and a 5.6% increase on my Social Security. Yet WSCK requests a rate increase of more than six times the amount of my "inflation adjustment" on my income.
5. There has been no noticeable improvement in our water service. I see no new lines installed, no upgrades on the water plant, no opening of a local office to respond to local needs. At the last public meeting the Mayor of Middlesboro offered WSCK free office space and telephone in the City Hall building if they would station an employee there to address public concerns. There was no response to the offer.

Please take these factors into consideration and stop the proposed price gouging by WSCK on the citizens of Middlesboro.

Yours truly,



Robert S. Cox