

March 24, 2023

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Public Service Commission Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: Proposed Rate Adjustment Presented by Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

To Whom it May Concern:

Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC ("Bluegrass Water") recently submitted a proposal to the Public Service Commission to increase residential rates from \$12.50 per month to \$99.37 per month, representing an increase of \$86.87 per month, or 695 percent. We believe that such an increase will have a detrimental impact on many people in Scott County.

Many families and individuals in our community are already facing financial challenges, including rising costs of housing, food, household and personal essentials, healthcare and medication expenses, and job insecurity. The proposed sewer bill increase will only add to their burden, forcing them to choose between paying for basic necessities and keeping their sewer service connected.

Furthermore, we are concerned about the lack of transparency and accountability in the sewer company's decision-making process. We urge the company to provide detailed information about the need for such a significant increase and to explore alternative options for funding infrastructure improvements.

We believe that access to clean and safe water is a basic human right, and it is the responsibility of the sewer company to ensure that this service is affordable and accessible to all residents. We call on the company to reconsider its proposed increase and to work with the community to find a solution that is fair and equitable for all.

We urge our elected officials to take action on this issue, to advocate on behalf of their constituents, and to work with the sewer company to find a solution that does not place an undue burden on our community.

Sincerely,

Residents Impacted by the Proposed Rate Increase Presented by Bluegrass Water

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We, the undersigned, are writing to express our opposition to the proposed 695% increase to the monthly sewer bill by Bluegrass Water. We believe that such an increase will have a detrimental impact on many people in Scott County, particularly those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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BLUEGRASS WATER Utility Operating Company A CSWR Managed Utility

February 27, 2023

Dear Customer:

We're writing to update you on the wastewater services that serve your community.

Since purchasing the sewer system that serves you, Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (Bluegrass Water) has invested nearly \$16 million in Kentucky communities to ensure that you, your families and your neighbors have access to clean, safe and reliable wastewater resources. The infrastructure upgrades to the sewer system serving you may include installation of remote monitoring equipment to assure facilities are closely tracked and work properly at all times; sewer plant improvements to ensure proper treatment including flow equalization, replacement of blowers, pipes, and diffusers in aeration tankage, and many more necessary repairs. As a result of these efforts and additional improvements planned, Bluegrass Water expects to submit a request on February 27, 2023 to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for a general adjustment of rates charged for service in order to increase annual sewer operating revenues by \$1,291,491.

Please take notice of the following information about the proposed rate adjustment that is presented below:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Bluegrass Water, but the PSC, the state agency that regulates all utility services in Kentucky, may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates found in this notice. The Company has proposed raising your residential rate from the present rate of \$12.50 to the proposed rate of \$99.37 which represents an increase of \$86.87 or 694.9% and also represents the effect upon the average bill for residential customer the change in an average bill. The Company has proposed raising your commercial rate from the present rate of \$8.89 per 1000 gallons to the proposed rate of \$248.43 fixed charge plus a usage charge of \$14.91 per 1000 gallons. The average customer usage for commercial customers is approximately 122,001 gallons and the effect the proposed rate will have on the average bill for each customer is \$982.83 or 90.6%. The date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the PSC is February 27, 2023; the proposed effective date of the rates is for service rendered on and after March 31, 2023.

You may examine Bluegrass Water's application at the offices of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, 101 South Fifth St., Suite 2500, Louisville, KY 40202. If you would like to make prior arrangements to view the application at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, please contact Brooks Herrick at 502-540-2376 or brooks.herrick@dinsmore.com. Bluegrass Water's application may also be examined at the PSC's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at <u>http://psc.ky.gov.</u> Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its Web site or by mail to:

Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

You may submit a timely written request for intervention to the PSC, establishing the grounds for the request including your status and interest in the proceeding, by mail to:

Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this notice, the PSC may take final action on the application.

Josiah Cox, President of Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC