

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: KY PSC Utility Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:20:00 PM

Case No. 2022-00050

Thank you for your comments on the application of Jessamine-South Elkhorn 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, 2022-00050, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2022-00050 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: PSC Consumer Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:44 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission <pscfilings@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 7:58 PM
To: PSC Consumer 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 Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:57 PM

Name: Mary Kaye Johnson
Address: 106 Laurenbrook Dr.
City: Nicholasville
State: KY
Zip Code: 40356

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Utility Name: Jessamine South Elkhorn

State the nature of your concern: There is a proposed water increase #202200050 for my home which is already considerably higher than other city water in the Central Kentucky area. The water quality here necessitated my putting in a water softener to stop the staining of my clothes and slimy black buildup on all my sink aerators along with a reverse osmosis faucet to make it drinkable. South Elkhorn insists their water is safe but any resident in this development will tell you otherwise and now we're being asked to pay exorbitant rates. Unbelievable!

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: Yes

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: case 2022-00050 water and 2022-00053 sewer.
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:19:00 PM

Case No. 2022-00050 & 2022-00053

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From: Robert Lodder [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 1:07 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: case 2022-00050 water and 2022-00053 sewer.

A 7% rate increase for water and 28% for sewage in Clay's Crossing is unreasonable. The cost has doubled in 5 years and the service has declined. Residents now have to buy bottled water to drink, and septic tanks are more reliable.

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Robert A. Lodder, Ph.D., MSAS
Professor

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Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Department of Chemistry
Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water and sewer increase
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:14:00 PM

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From: Melanie Gerrald [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:51 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Water and sewer increase

100 Lindleigh Dr, Nicholasville, KY 40356

Melanie Gerrald

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From: **Melanie Gerrald** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 12:49 PM
Subject: Water and sewer increase
To: <psc.comment@ky.gov>

I am concerned that my water rate will increase by 7.1% and my sewer rate by 27.8% per a notice from Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District. According to a conversation with a Public Service Commission representative at 502-564-3940, the rate increase does not include any improvements to the water system so it simply increases my rate for the same services I already purchase. This seems to be an extremely expensive rate increase. Please consider a lower increase, especially to the sewer bill. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Melanie Gerrald
100 Linda

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water and sewer increase
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:13:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Melanie Gerrald [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:50 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Water and sewer increase

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From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: KY PSC Utility Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:12:00 PM

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From: PSC Consumer Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:48 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
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From: KY Public Service Commission <pscfilings@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:43 AM
To: PSC Consumer 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 Monday, March 7, 2022 at 11:42 AM

Name: Ernest Thacker
Address: 106 Mill Rock Road
City: Nicholasville
State: KY
Zip Code: 40356

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Utility Name: Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District

State the nature of your concern: South Jessamine Water District (SJWD) has filed a rate case for a sewage increase of almost 28%. Please see rate case 2022-00053. There is a pass through component since Lexington Fayette Urban County Govt. (LFUCG) processes the sewage for SJWD. However, the rates are already significantly higher for SJWD than for LFCUG. Our first 1000 gallons of sewage are currently \$13.42 and LFCUG is \$10.25 We maintain that rate at \$13.42 and after the first 100 cubic feet LFCUG's rate drops to the equivalent \$7.71 per \$1000. I don't understand why there is such a huge discrepancy? If SJWD is maintaining the lines, why wouldn't we actually be lower since its just pumped across the county line to Fayette and joins their system. We should at least be the same. Also, SJWD must be

expanding or upgrading the system for more houses since numerous subdivisions are being built just across the county line into Jessamine. We existing customers seem to be paying the bill for this expansion instead of raising the new tap/hookup rates for the developers. My water and sewage bill will double in the 5 years I've lived in my house. Please check my math on the conversions above between the two county rates. It's not fair that I'm being charged much more to be on the same system as Lexington and subsidizing the expansion of new subdivisions. I'm happy to discuss if there are legitimate reasons for the differences in rates. However, it just looks like the sewage rate payers in Jessamine County are getting charged more by the LFUCG than they should because of the deal with SWJD. It's not fair. Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 3:51:00 PM

Case No. 2022-00050

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From: Rick Music [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 9:23 AM
To: PSC Consumer Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District

Good morning,

Yesterday I received, from the subject, a notice of intent to file an application with the KY-PSC seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its water rates. The proposed "adjustment" is for increases that exceed 7%! As a customer of JSEWD, I find this proposal to be excessive – well in excess of reported inflation. JSEWD serves a significant portion of Jessamine County KY, (JC). According to the U.S. Census Bureau, JC is the 13th **fastest** growing county in KY. The county's population grew by over 12.5% from 2010 to 2020. That growth is evident across the county as numerous developments have cropped up sporting \$1MM+ homes, most with irrigated lawns and swimming pools. Yes, this does create the demand for expanded water service but it creates even greater opportunity for revenue in the form of tap fees, meter charges and of course, many more gallons of water. I am guessing that the application from the JSEWD plays up the cost to serve this growth while downplaying the revenue being generated.

Given the stresses on families from COVID lockdowns, shortages of foodstuffs and higher prices for everything, now is not the time to levy a 7+% increase on water rates, which will not only increase a family's water bill but increase the cost of everything that the family buys that involves JSEWD water. I strongly urge the PSC to critically analyze the application and the justification for such an increase and to ask the hard questions such as why and why now? Have they given proper weight to the rapid growth in their customer base? How have they spent the extra money generated by the growth? What are the projections for the revenue from the growth underway? How are they using technology to reduce their costs? Why do they send out a truck with three individuals in it, (one driver and one reader for each side of the

street), each month to read our meters? Does it really take three people? Is there a better way? Lots of questions to be asked of any entity that wants a 7+% increase for no increase in value to the customer!

Sincerely,
Rick Music
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