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This letter is a request for ~~INTERSTATE SERVICE COMPANY~~ ON Bluegrass WATER UTILITY operating Company LLC "FLAT RATE" INCREASE REQUEST ON Feb. 27 2023.  
MY NAME IS JAMES I LIVE IN AIRVIEW EST. IN E-TOWN KY. I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN LIVING ON SOCIAL SECURITY. AFTER MY MONTHLY BILLS ARE PAID, I HAVE BETWEEN \$25 TO \$35 DOLLARS LEFT FOR GAS FOR MY CAR. THE LAST TIME Bluegrass WATER GOT THE \$44.<sup>61</sup> A MONTH RATE INCREASE APPROVED WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PANDEMIC. THAT \$44.<sup>61</sup> PAID MY CELL PHONE BILL AND MY TRASH BILL, SO I HAD TO TAKE THAT \$44.<sup>61</sup> OUT OF MY MONTHLY FOOD BUDGET. I LIVE ALONE AND ONLY USE ON AVERAGE BETWEEN 1600 TO 2000 GAL. OF WATER A MONTH TO BE TREATED THROUGH THE SEWER PLANT. MY WATER BILL IS ON AVERAGE \$19.<sup>10</sup> A MONTH FOR UP TO 2000 GAL USED AND GOES UP FOR GAL USED OVER 2000 GAL. I HAVE A NEIGHBOR THAT HAVE 6 PEOPLE LIVING IN ONE HOUSE, AND ANOTHER NEIGHBOR THAT HAVE 7 PEOPLE LIVING IN ONE HOUSE, EACH HAVE 3-PERSON WORKING AND HELPING WITH THE BILLS, THEY USE 6 TO 8 TIMES MORE WATER TO BE TREATED THROUGH SEWER PLANT THEN I DO BUT PAY THE SAME SEWER "FLAT RATE" THAT I DO, THEIR WATER BILL IS WAY HIGHER THEN MINE. THE "FLAT RATE" IS NOT FAIR FOR SENIORS LIVING ON A FIX INCOME. HOW IS THE "FLAT RATE" FAIR. THE \$85.<sup>97</sup> MONTHLY SEWER CHARGE IS ALREADY HIGH ON AVERAGE THEN THE AVERAGE ACROSS THE STATE, FOR THAT MATTER

ACROSS THE COUNTRY. I HAVE A NEIGHBOR THAT IS IN HER 70'S AND LOST HER HUSBAND ABOUT 3-YEARS AGO AND SHE IS TRYING TO LIVE ON HIS SOCIAL SECURITY, AND SHE HAS TO GO TO A FOOD BANK TO HELP HER GET BY. SHE USES EVEN LESS WATER TO BE TREATED THAN I DO. BUT SHE STILL HAS TO PAY \$85.<sup>.97</sup> A MONTH ALSO. PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR WHAT THEY USE. ON AVERAGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, SEWER RATE COST ARE BASED ON YOUR WATER USAGE, IF YOU USE MORE WATER TO BE TREATED, YOU PAY MORE.

MY SEWER BILL SHOULD BE ABOUT \$30 TO ~~\$45~~<sup>\$45</sup> A MONTH, BASED ON MY WATER USAGE, NOT \$99.<sup>.37</sup> A MONTH.

IT IS EASY FOR BLUEGRASS WATER TO JUST BILL EVERYONE THE SAME "FLAT RATE". EASY BILLING FOR THEM, NOT FAIR TO THE PEOPLE THAT PAY THE SAME AS THOSE WHO USE 6 TO 8 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF WATER TO BE TREATED. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THIS MATTER. THEY COULD GET OUR YEARLY AVERAGE WATER USAGE AND BASE THESE INVOICING ON THAT.

THEY WOULD STILL GET THE PROFIT THEY SEEK, AND THE PEOPLE WOULD PAY FOR WHAT THEY USE. I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR PART OF MY NEIGHBOR'S SEWER BILL USAGE, WHEN THEY USE 6 TO 8 TIMES MORE WATER TO BE TREATED. I TRY TO SAVE ON WATER USAGE BUT IT DON'T CHANGE MY SEWER RATE.

THEY CAN USE 50,000 GAL. OF WATER TO BE TREATED, BUT ONLY HAVE TO PAY \$85.<sup>.97</sup> A MONTH SEWER BILL. SOMEONE NEEDS TO GET THIS "FLAT RATE BILLING" CHANGED.

EASY "FLAT RATE" Billing is ABSOLUTELY NOT FAIR  
FOR SENIORS LIVING ALONE ON A FIXED INCOME.  
Bluegrass WATER WANTS TO KEEP THE "FLAT RATE" BILLING  
BECAUSE IT IS SO EASY TO JUST CHARGE EVERYONE  
THE SAME. EASY INVOICING FOR THEM, NOT FAIR  
TO US. THIS IS NOT A HIGH END SUBDIVISION.  
Houses here sell for around \$80,000.

Bluegrass WATER'S "FLAT RATE" NEEDS TO BE RE-DESIGNED.

Hope someone will listen this time, but  
it did NOT WORK the last time they got these  
big rate increases.

-THANKS

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