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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company rate increase of 694.9% which would take our monthly bill from \$12.50 to \$99.37. While my husband and I understand the need for system upgrades and are not completely opposed to some sort of increase, the proposed rate would be a terrific hardship for us and many, if not all, families in the area. A lot of families are struggling to pay for groceries, utilities, and other basic necessities during this recession, so we are very much concerned about the amount of the rate increase. Perhaps there would be a way to incrementally increase the rate to help offset hardships to the homeowners or perhaps another solution to accommodate all the upgrades without such a drastic increase.

Also, in addition to our concern over the rate increase, my husband and I, along with multiple homeowners in this area, are concerned about future rate increases above and beyond this one. We would like to know if there is a way to ensure that either the rates go back down to a more reasonable amount once the system upgrades are complete (and a time frame provided when that would occur) and if it is possible to stipulate that an increase above a certain percentage per year not occur in any subsequent years afterward.

We hope there is a solution that does not result in a 694.9% increase for those in our area, yet still would allow for the upgrades needed to bring the sewer system up to standards.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Crystal Fitzgerald*

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