

From: Peter Wdowiarz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 11:07 AM
To: PSC Comments
Subject: 2022-00432 - Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

It is my position that we residents of Equestrian Woods, Nicholasville KY are being abused by the Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Co. (BW) with their proposed extreme rate increase. The reasons I feel this is abusive are because of the following:

- Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Co. (BW). Provides very little services. They do NOT process Solid Waste. Each of us has our own Septic Tank that breaks down the Solid Waste to Grey Water. This septic Tank is maintained by the Homeowner
- BW does NOT pump the Grey Water to their "System". Each of us Home Owners has a "Holding Tank that collects the dirty water discharge from the Septic Tank. This is a large concrete tank with a 230VAC 1HP Electric Submersible Pump. These pumps range from \$700-\$900. We also have a pump control Panel that controls the pump via three Water Level Floats – Low, High and Alarm. These Panels cost around \$500. None of this includes labor, and all is the responsibility of the Home Owner. In the past 20 years, I have replaced my pump twice, the Floats in the tank once, and the Electrical Contactor in the Control Box once.
- BW's "System" is simply a larger version of what each Home Owner has – they have Holding Tanks, and pumps that discharge the dirty water from 40 homes to a large septic field. Again – they do not process waste or deliver the dirty water to their system. We provide the power to get the dirty water to their tanks.
- These proposed sewer rates are 3 to 4 times more expensive than our water bills. If we are out of town and do not even generate any sewage water, we still pay the same high rate.
- Because BW is applying a "unified rate" (ALL customers pay \$100) customers like us pay for services we do not receive.

The above points are mentioned to show how little BW actually does when compared to other sewer service systems that take raw sewage from the home owner: from "Driveway to Waste Water Plant" We do most of this process ourselves before it even gets to BW. And for that we get an almost 300% rate increase! This is abusive. From my point of view BW is charging us excessive rates to fund their corporate expansions and large salaries to "Manage" these "Unmanned" remote septic fields.

Respectfully,
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From: John Eastabrooks [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 09:26 PM
To: PSC Comments
Subject: 2022-00432 - Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

Request for Intervention.

I'm writing for intervention on my behalf as a member of the Persimmon Ridge Community. The letter from Bluegrass Water's CEO Josiah Cox dated February 27 to the PR (Persimmon Ridge) community about the rate increase of 15.6%, states that Bluegrass spent \$16 million dollars in KY on the collective sewer systems. This includes commercial as well as residential. It states that we have 30 days from the letter dated to appeal to the regulator PSC for intervention. I would love to see all of the invoices for all of his customers and compare them to PR. He has collected hundreds of thousands of dollars from PR with the present rate increase. So the question is what is the percentage of the costs to fix and maintain the system in PR compared the extra money that has been collected from us. I'll bet he has collected much more than he spent on the fix and maintenance. If so, he owes us a reduction. Why are we lumped in with commercial high maintenance costs sewer systems. I believe if we present the cost invoices versus rate increase collection to the PSC we have a good argument to divorce ourselves from the rest of the systems or at least get a rate reduction.

Before taking final action on the application please review the invoices of the repairs and maintenance of the PR system alone, and compare them to the money collected over the last two years by Bluegrass Water. I believe it is not fair or equitable for a small community like PR to share the burden of other high cost high maintenance communities or commercial entities. This collective should never been allowed in the first place. If Mr. Cox wanted to buy up a large amount of neighborhood systems they should have been dealt with individually since not all systems are equally operated. Please respond.

Regards

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From: Barry Ellison [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 05:51 PM
To: PSC Comments
Subject: 2022-00432 - Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

Regarding Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company proposed sewer rate increase:
When Bluegrass Water took over wastewater treatment in our neighborhood -
Persimmon Ridge in Shelby County Kentucky in November 2019 our sewer rate was
\$35.00mo, having been increased from \$26.30mo In August 2019, a 33% increase.
Effective August 1, 2021 Bluegrass Water was granted an increase taking our rate to
\$85.97mo., a 245.63% increase. And just 20 months later they come looking for another
15.59% increase to \$99.37mo. A total potential increase for Bluegrass Water of
283.91% over a 20 month period. That is outrageous. I respectfully ask the Kentucky
Public Service Commission to reject this request entirely. Thank you .
Barry Ellison

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From: Andrew Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2023 02:01 PM
To: PSC Comments
Subject: 2022-00432 - Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

Writing in regards to the application from Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company to raise rates from \$27.43 to \$99.37 per month.

I understand the cost that has been used to upgrade systems, however this dramatic of a raise in rates is extreme.

Therefore, I object and implore the KSC to address this issue.

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From: Eileen Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2023 11:34 AM
To: PSC Comments
Subject: 2022-00218 - Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

Bluegrass Water is once again trying to raise customer rates over 120%! Not only is this impossible for most people already struggling in this economy, but it is a clearly unsubstantiated money grab!

You are the only entity that has the power to stop this from moving forward, as you have the last two times they attempted this. Bluegrass Water is so much more than just unethical. They need to be denied this increase and hopefully sanctioned in some way to keep them from continuing to abuse the system in this way. I am requesting intervention in this matter.

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