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From: Rita
City: New Concord
State: Ky
Zip: 42076

Comments:

The rate increase request is higher than any rates I can find. To top that off we just get water! NO meter provided.

NO sewage provided.

It's higher many times over for what I would pay if I had a meter being a one person household 69 year old retired woman.

Please do some research yourself on what the average household size and income is in this specific area of approximately 330 households simply sharing a well.

The rate increase amount that Bluegrass proposes is ONE TENTH of a low income area retirement person...social security because it's a low income state especially in rural areas and small towns.

I hope you are becoming aware as I and many others are..of the hundreds of thousands of dollars management of Bluegrass is paying themselves yearly salaries at the expense of many many people. We are asking you to do the right thing and stop them. Do not let them increase already too high rates.

Rita Wyatt

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Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

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On that date, CSWR President Josiah Coxs salary was quoted at \$350,228.00. A 3% annual increase would result in a 2026 salary of \$418,190.56.

The total Admin Human Resources budget of \$5,054,970 annually for the 2022 fiscal year, increased by 3% annually would result in a 2026 budget of \$6,035,898.54.

However, the current Case No. 2025-00354, Exhibit 16, showing current CSWR, LLC Executive salaries has revealed that Coxs 2026 annual salary is \$792,000.00, that multiple company executive salaries exceed \$400,000.00 annually, and the total CSWR, LLC Admin Human Resources budget has swelled to an outrageous \$14,684,957.68.

While an increase in the number of employee positions could certainly explain a small percentage of the increase in total employee compensation, it by no means justifies the vast majority of it, and raises the question of what any new positions are, and what their job function is-- especially in a conglomerate that is obviously nothing more than a shell corporation.

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Given that these excessive salaries are included in the calculation of rate base, this indicates that not only is no rate increase justified, but that a reduction in the current rate should be mandated, pursuant to KRS 278.030 and KRS 278.270.

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1 Case No. 2020-00290, ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BLUEGRASS WATER UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION, KPSC Final Order pp. 86, 87

2 DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT OF DANIEL P. HUNNELL II ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DOCKET NO. 2024-28-S
<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/4191dce6-ae8e-43f3-8894-bfdf101fbb8a>

3 DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT OF DAWN M. HIPP ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DOCKET NO. 2024-28-S
<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/0ef06e84-e8da-4af0-9790-0bd2d06d8221>

4 DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS OF ALAN MKHRZAD ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DOCKET NO. 2024-28-S
<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/c347cedf-89ea-43fe-943d-e5e024d403e5>

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