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PUBLIC SERVICE  
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Date: 2/3/2026

Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Request for PSC Intervention Regarding Bluegrass Water Company Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of my household and our small community to formally express concern regarding the most recent rate increase request submitted by Bluegrass Water Company for sewer service.

Prior to Bluegrass Water's acquisition of our community's sewer treatment plant from the original developer, our monthly sewer bill was \$38. Upon acquisition, Bluegrass Water increased that rate to \$85 per month. Now, less than two years later, the company is requesting an additional 46.6% increase, raising the monthly charge to approximately \$114.

If approved, this would represent an increase of nearly 300% in approximately three and a half years. For a small community with a limited customer base, this level of escalation is both alarming and unsustainable.

Our concern is not rooted in an unwillingness to accept reasonable increases due to inflation or legitimate operating costs. We fully understand that costs rise over time and that utilities must remain financially viable. However, our sewer treatment plant was originally a highly efficient, well-operated facility, and there has been no corresponding decline in service quality or operational performance that would justify increases of this magnitude.

We are deeply concerned that our community is now being required to absorb the financial consequences of business management decisions, acquisition strategies, or capital deficiencies associated with other Bluegrass Water facilities, rather than costs specific to our own system. This effectively places our residents in a position where we are being "held hostage" to decisions over which we have no control and from which we receive no direct benefit.

We respectfully request that the Public Service Commission carefully scrutinize this proposed rate increase and consider whether:

- The costs driving this increase are directly attributable to our specific treatment facility
- The rate burden is being equitably allocated
- Adequate consumer protections are in place for small communities following utility acquisitions

We look to the PSC as the body entrusted with protecting Kentucky consumers from excessive or unjustified rate increases, particularly in cases where customers have no alternative service options. Without such oversight, communities like ours face significant financial strain with no recourse.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the citizens of the Commonwealth. We respectfully request your intervention and careful review of this matter.

Sincerely,

William J. Harp Jr.

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