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Rousseau, KY 41366

Letter of Intervention,

CASE #2025-00234

Writing this letter once again to ask that you STOP the price increases for the BREATHITT County WATER DISTRICT. We have seen and continue to see price increases on every day living, from the outrageous fuel prices, to the outrageous electricity bills, Food prices sky rocketing and a wanting a 13.19% increase for Water?

Breathitt county is one of the Poorest counties in KY. Breathitt county has a poverty rate of 33.1% to 35.5% according to the recent U.S. Census. About 42% of the Children live in Poverty, Breathitt county KY is more than Double the overall Kentucky Poverty rate at 16.5%. Some can't even get on the County water because they can't Afford it, it would be pay the OUTRAGEOUS WATER BILL or not HAVE FOOD ON THEIR TABLE, should even be a discussion, in 2026 everyone shouldn't have to worry about paying one or the other but can't afford all the bills currently? We know widows in our community that are struggling to even have money left over each month after these OUTRAGEOUS BILLS. WHY?

Perry County KY water Rates (Neighboring County)

First 1000 gallon \$28.95

Next 1000 gallon \$4.05 TOTAL \$33.00

Breathitt County Water District already got a rate increase January 31, 2026. Why are we the consumers having to continue to fork these price increases? What is the reason for the 2nd increase in one year? The Water District tells the People they DONT WANT THE INCREASES, but that it's required by the PSC, WHY? WHATS THE PSC REASONING FOR THE INCREASES? The water stinks and isn't fit to drink/cook with at all -WE DESERVE GOOD WATER AT A REASONABLE RATE AND NEITHER IS GOOD AT THE MOMENT!!!!. With everything into consideration we hope that you decide to DENY this water increase? If Breathitt water cant run or operate correctly without increases id highly suggest make necessary cuts and we the PEOPLE WANT THE TRUTH, etc instead of making the people pay for it. If PSC has nothing better to do than make mandatory price increases as the Water district says then its time FOR A CHANGE IN THE PSC BOARD AS WELL. WE DESERVE HONESTY AND TRUTH ANSWERS.

Not only is the People Struggling but we are a 100% volunteer Fire Department that runs on Donations and Fundraisers and we have to pay these outrageous water bills and we never use the 1000 gallon a month, but yet we have to fork these outrageous prices. We're with the PEOPLE this needs to STOP. We're a voice for the

People in our Community and this is INSANE. WE DESERVE GOOD WATER AT A REASONABLE RATE AND NEITHER IS GOOD AT THE MOMENT!!!! PEOPLE WONT EVEN HOOK UP TO THE WATER FOR THESE REASONS, Were in the process of getting a Company to give us Discounted prices on DRILLED WELL WATER, they told us the more customers that wanted drilled wells the cheaper they would do them for us. Shouldn't even be talked about having to do in 2026 but we've had enough. We need CLEAN-AFFORDABLE WATER.

How does one VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE PSC BOARD THAT MAKES THESE STUPID DECISIONS? We are also attaching the News Paper article from the Water Board District. WE THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH. IF THE PSC IS FORCING THESE INCREASES IT NEEDS TO STOP, OR IF THE BREATHITT WATER DISTRICT IS REQUESTING THESE INCREASES, THE PSC NEEDS TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING, IT ALSO MAYBE TIME FOR A NEW COUNTY WATER BOARD AS WELL. NO RATE INCREASE !!!!

WE THE PEOPLE DESERVE ANSWERS AND WE HOPE THAT PSC ANSWERS EACH QUESTION!!!!

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT CHIEF GREG WILSON at 606-568-7178. PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS!!!!
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NO RATE INCREASE!!!!

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Rousseau Volunteer Fire Department
Thanks, Chief Greg Wilson 8-22-2026

 9-22-2026

WATER DISTRICT
Dear Valued Customers,

The Breathitt County Water District has been Ordered to file a Notice asking for a rate increase. The Water Board is opposed to this increase and has voted to file a Request with the Public Service Commission to avoid raising rates. The Water Board recognizes that people are already struggling financially in these times and has no desire to increase the burden on its customers.

How can I help? The PSC sets rates based on the costs to run a system. Water lines lose value each year, and that value is factored into the cost. The best way to offset that is to increase the number of customers, especially on existing lines. So, having more households on the water system actually helps to keep costs lower for everyone. Encourage your neighbors who haven't done so to become customers. In many areas of the county less than half of those who requested water lines be run have actually chosen to enroll for service.

Sincerely, The Breathitt County Water District