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From: Candlewood Lakes POA

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 4:26 PM

To: Julie Perrine

Subject: Limestone Water is requesting to increase water rates

To All Candlewood Lakes Water Customers;

I am sending this to everyone in Candlewood that has provided the office with their email. Many people have not done so, and I am unable to inform them. I am asking that you share this information with your neighbors and friends.

Limestone Water has made a request to TPUC to increase Candlewood water customers rates by 68%. My understanding is that the total amount of the increase requested will be \$27.50 making your monthly water bill \$67.50 per month.

Our community is made up of 90% retired seniors who live on social security or disability. Many are widows or widowers. With the cost of living increasing daily and income remaining stagnant, this could cause problems for many in here.

This request is made on, they claim, improvements already made AND needing to install a backup well. They have made NO improvements to our system. What they have done is maintenance. The same maintenance we were performing under the \$40.00 monthly rate.

They were fully aware of the need for the backup well when the system was purchased. That will most likely be the only basis I feel they have on which to base an increase. But 68%?

I have sent a lengthy email to TPUC against the requested increase and over 100 people across several communities were at the recent meeting to voice complaints. However, it is important that TPUC hear from as many as possible regarding this request by Limestone Water.

George Gregory is taking signatures on a petition for any who are in opposition to sign. I also have copies at the office.

I will be at work on Wednesday and the petition will be available for anyone interested in signing. Any signatures I acquire at the office will be given to George to file with TPUC by the 11th.

If you are a resident and oppose the requested increase of \$27.50 per month, please stop by and sign anytime tomorrow after 11:00 am or contact George Gregory to sign. You may also file a direct petition to TPUC stating Docket #2400044. Be sure you include your Name, address in Candlewood and that it is in regard to Limestone Water's Proposed Rate Increase. Opposition emails already received are available to be read in the Docket Room if you click on that Docket number.

Send any emails to tpuc.docketroom@tn.gov

Kind Regards,

Julie Perrine Secretary