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To the Tennessee Public Utility Commission:

I am submitting this comment regarding Limestone Wastewater's proposed Phase 2 rate increase and rate consolidation. I am opposed to this increase because it places an additional financial burden on residents who have already experienced a prior rate increase.

While Limestone states that the revenue is intended to cover \$9.5 million in infrastructure upgrades, including expanding capacity at the River Rest sewer plant, I have serious concerns:

**Financial impact on residents:** The proposed Phase 2 increase would raise wastewater bills from \$75/month to \$102.84/month, an increase of 100% from where we were 3 years ago. The national average is far below these proposed rates. We are a two-person household living in a four-bedroom home, yet our wastewater rate is calculated as if 6-8 people lived here. Many retirees and smaller households in our neighborhood are in the same situation, and this is a significant and disproportionate burden, especially for retired residents on fixed incomes.

**Billing method is unfair:** Rates are based on the number of bedrooms rather than actual wastewater output. This structure penalizes smaller households and feels inequitable, particularly when businesses and public schools connected to the system may be paying less proportionally.

**Operator compliance history:** Limestone has repeatedly been out of compliance, raising doubts about their ability to manage these upgrades efficiently and responsibly. Residents should not be required to shoulder higher rates without assurance that the company will act in good faith.

**Equity:** We are also concerned about the two public schools connected to the system. If schools are paying relatively little compared to what would be expected based on their usage, it feels like residents are being double-burdened, since we already support these schools through our taxes.

Residents deserve fair treatment and reliable service before being asked to pay more. I urge the TPUC to carefully weigh the financial burden on customers against Limestone's track record and require accountability for any infrastructure upgrades funded through rate increases.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Sincerely,

Britt Hahn

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