

Grant, Lakisha

From: Paul Donadio
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 2:44 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Statement of Position Submitted by Paul Donadio

Statement of Position Submitted

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Docket

W-933, Sub 12

Message

I am Paul Donadio living in the Etowah community in Western NC and am a customer of the Etowah Sewer system paying an average of \$48 per month for water and sewer half of which is for the sewer service. I have seen the Red Bird company proposal to purchase, upgrade and operate the Etowah sewer system which is in operation currently. My understanding is depending on future growth in the population of Etowah there will likely be requirements to upgrade the system. My concerns are that the current residents are going to be shouldering the costs of the acquisition and improvements instead of the developers who are reaping the benefits of the development. Red Bird company wants to include its acquisition adjustment (costs) in its monthly billing charges. I'm also concerned that Red Bird may seek approval of uniform rates across all its NC systems instead of the actual cost of improvements in the Etowah system. They have also proposed addition rate increase to Etowah customers that will go up to \$22.23 or 84% increase in residential monthly wastewater flat rates which will immediately increase the cost to customers with no additional benefit. I am asking the Public Staff to voice our concerns and help us maintain the system in a responsible manner and not make it available for the Red Bird Utility Operating Company to become a profit center for them and their investors. Respectfully, Paul Donadio 7 Masters Crest Drive Etowah NC, 28729

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Docket

W-933, Sub 12

Message

I'm glad to hear the commission has determined that nearly doubling the base rate for sewer service in my area is not appropriate. Please stay consistent with past practices, and in the upcoming hearing, don't allow Red Bird to change your decision. Thanks for your consideration!

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W-933, Sub12

Message

Red Bird's rate proposal is unacceptable to me. I retired to Etowah, NC some twelve years ago for all the amenities; too many to list here. As my retirement funds decrease each year, an additional increase of some \$266.76 for Red Bird TO MAKE MORE INCOME FOR THEIR STOCK HOLDERS at my expense won't cause me to start eating cat food, but I won't be able to support my local amenities as much as I do now. Let's use common sense and do what's fair for Etowah.

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Message

Please maintain your stance on Red Bird's proposed adjustment when acquiring the Etowah sewer system. Increased rates make homes less affordable and encourage out of town buyers to purchase properties for short term rental.

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From: Rebekah Dean
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Message

Please stay consistent with past practices and not allow the inclusion of Red Bird's acquisition adjustment in determining its monthly rates which would nearly double the monthly rate I am paying today. Thank you.

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From: Joy Charlebois
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Docket

W-93, Sub 12

Message

Regarding Red Bird's request for a rate increase of 84%. If not illegal, this is absurd. I find that anything above a 10% increase is totally unreasonable. I understand a need for more infrastructure in Henderson County and this is not the way to go about it. Please do not allow any increase above 10%.

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Docket

W-933, Sub 12

Message

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has approved, with restrictions, the sale of the Etowah Sewer Company to a company named Red Bird. This new company wants to include its acquisition adjustment (costs) in its monthly billing charges. The Utilities Commission has stated that this would result in an increase of \$22.23 or 84% increase in residential monthly wastewater flat rates. The Commission has further stated that this increase is not appropriate given the information the buyer has provided. I believe Red Bird, since it is their decision to purchase the Etowah Sewer System should not burden the residents with outrageous additional expenses to improve their profit margin. The issue of Rates being nearly doubled is not the way to do business in a community just so they can turn a profit. Maybe they should have not made the purchase looking to make an outrageous increase of rates to profit their pockets and burden the community. I have heard Rumors, which I cannot verify to be true or not, that they want to expand their facility. That expense is their burden not the communities burden to line their pockets with additional costs for their expansion. Red Bird is already becoming an unwelcome entity in our Community because of their desire to double our rates to line their pockets with cash. Respectfully submitted, John P. McNiff Red Bird has requested a hearing to dispute the Utilities Commission's recommendations. The hearing has been set for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Commission's ruling is consistent with past decisions on rate base. We do not believe the Commission should reverse itself.

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Message

We are writing to request that Red Bird is not able to roll the cost of its acquisition, purchase of the sewer treatment plant into our water bill. Utilities have gone up and consumers cannot keep affording the increase being passed along at the expense of our budget and the profit of the company. Please consider not, including the acquisition price in into our billing in Etowah. Our budgets are fixed and cannot handle the continual increases. Please put consumers ahead of corporate profits.

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