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Mr. Mark David Goss
Chairman
Kentucky Public Service Commission
PO Box 615
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RE: LWC pipeline or KAWC treatment plant

Dear Chairman Goss,

I agree with you that the decision the PSC will hand down in April "...will affect hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians for decades to come." I disagree that it is a difficult decision – if you consider the economic and public health effects of a severe drought.

The LWC and the KAWC both want to make more money and can not be faulted for this motivation. But, you sir as you know, must base your decision on what is best for the people of Central Kentucky.

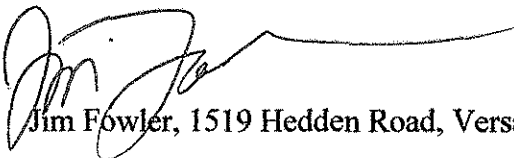
The fact is the Kentucky River is not a reliable source of water when considered over the long run. The historically mild drought of 1988 proved this. In a real drought of "dust bowl" proportions the Kentucky River would dry up leading to devastation of the Central Kentucky economy and profound negative health effects of the residents. Plus, do you remember the crude oil pipeline leak in Clark County a few years ago? The oil spill was stopped just yards from entering the Kentucky River.

On the other hand, the Ohio River has never completely dried up and is historically considered a completely reliable source for drinking water. Construction of a pipeline from Louisville to connect to KAWC lines is insurance that Central Kentucky will never run out of potable water.

The ultimate would be both a new treatment plant on the Kentucky River North of Frankfort and a pipeline from Louisville to that point. But, how can both companies recover their investments with what at first might be considered an oversupply of water? Could we not than build and extend a reliable system to provide water to some of the communities in Eastern Kentucky! Could a pipeline and storage facilities down the Mountain Parkway providing safe, clean, potable water to the people of Eastern Kentucky became a reality!?

We anxiously await this critically important ruling of the PSC.

Sincerely,



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