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Not sure I have the correct email addresses but I am sure I wanted to share my opinion on KY AM Water Company proposed plan for the treatment plant and pipeline(s). - don pratt, Lexington, KY

Writing for op ed

Taxpayers and water ratepayers in Lexington and Central KY should awake! CENTRAL KENTUCKY AND LEXINGTON TAXPAYERS AND WATER SHOULD AWAKE AND ACT!

It is important to fight the plan destruction of scenic land and rural communities in place that should not be disturbed!

But most importantly for all of us, an ongoing sneaky move to build pipeline(s) and a treatment facility made the Bluegrass Water Supply Consortium (BWSC) so meaningless. KY AM Water Company, a subsidiary of the international conglomerate RWE, acted to implement BGWC's plans, yet flawed plans, for an expensive construction project which is in front of the KY Public Service Commission (PSC).

This conglomerate act to increase the amount of investment and for greater control water supply. This particularly helps to increase their value on paper thus increasing their value for a potential sale. This company did not share such information and held off water rate increase requests while battling local ownership. This business of behind closed door planning will cost taxpayers and ratepayers unnecessary high rates!

The alternative(s) means of water supply are there! KY AM knows it. But with financial or political bullying, and manipulation of special interests, they have also rushed this project through to increase their investor's profits which are guaranteed by state law as they are a public utility.

These PSC approved rates seem headed criminally higher as such wasteful planning negatively increases high prices for water.

Comparing this company's rate increases in the recent past will show that a municipally owned Louisville Water provides water without damaging their customer's pockets so excessively!

LOOK OUT! The cost of KY AM's unnecessary current planning (in two phases) seems headed toward a price over \$265 million, eventually unnecessarily destroying land thru rural areas of four counties (Scott, Franklin, Owen and Carroll) on its way to the Ohio River for raw water to pump back to Owen County. The ratepayers, including local governments, will pay for this expensive waste.

Compare this to one recommended solution of a pipeline to Louisville for approximately \$55 million. \$265 versus \$55, so BE FEARFUL of these investment driven rate increases. And, NOTE, the Louisville Water Company can easily provide three times the amount of treated water for about one fifth KY AW Water's price of construction.

Lexington Urban County Government and/or other Central Kentucky government body's needs to introduce the I64 pipeline alternative as a matter of priority to the costly corporate choice before the Public

Service Commissions! Citizens need to demand their local government represent their best interest!
Easements along the north side interstate would mean less damage to our environment and access to a water supply that could easily be three times more water than the facilities KY AM proposes.
Special interest pushing for the KY AM project includes the KY River Authority that receives 4 cents per gallon on water from the Kentucky. The need to improve dams on the Kentucky is real, but an increase of that amount or usage tax instead of a withdrawal tax on all water per gallon could provide amounts to the necessary IMPROVEMENTS the dams need, particularly above Lock 9!
Ratepayers and taxpayers need to tell our governments to protect our interests. Our local governments need to tell the Public Service Commission to put a halt to the KY AM plans.
We all should be firefighters for survival because arsonists are in high places.
Central Kentucky governments need to act NOW to introduce their demands for an alternative to the expensive and environmentally destructive KY AM proposal!

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