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This letter concerns the pending certificate of need case regarding water supply for Central Kentucky. I am writing as a private citizen, not as a member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Council. Underlying my study of water supply issues for the past ten years is my core belief that decisions should always place greatest consideration on the best interest of the ratepayers, including need.

Unfortunately, the LFUCG Council was unable to take a position on this issue, one of the most important long-ranging decisions about which the Council could give an opinion. So, I am writing my personal opinion to you regarding the KY American application for the need to build a new water treatment plant on Pool 3 of the Kentucky River.

Since initial hearings and testimony before your commission, the Frankfort Water Board decided to pursue a partnership with the Louisville Water Company to bring a pipeline to Frankfort for additional supply. Also, it is now known that excess short-term capacity is available from Versailles. Finally, there is the possibility for the Kentucky River Authority to add crest gates to Dam 9 for increased Lexington supply during drought.

I personally feel very strongly the need to investigate the benefits to our rate payers of having two different supply sources. We are now living post 9/11 and post coal slurry impoundment failure, so it seems prudent to consider two supply sources.

Given the new possibilities for additional supply, perhaps at less cost to the rate payers of Central Kentucky, the question remains, is there a need for a new water treatment plant from the current source of water for Central Kentucky? I request you deny or postpone approval of the Kentucky American certificate of need until all information has been considered. I believe that decision will be in the best interest of the rate payers.

With Best Regards,

  
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