

Dear Mr. Dufour :

Your comments have been received and will be placed into the case file for the commission's consideration as it deliberates in this matter. Thank you for your interest.

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To Whom it may concern at the Kentucky Public Service Commission,

This letter pertains to your Case # 2007-00134 (permit application filed by Kentucky American Water Co. (KAW) to construct a water treatment plant at pool 3 of the Kentucky River and a pipeline from this plant to Lexington Main at Ironworks Pike)

In the opinion of this citizen, KAW's proposal does NOT serve the greater good of the people of this region for the following reasons:

1. Based on all the information available, KAW's proposal would have the HIGHEST COST of the proposals available to serve the region's water needs. KAW would pass the cost of this project on to water customers, resulting in a massive rate increase (70-100%).
2. KAW's proposal does nothing to address the fact that the majority of the region's water already comes from the Kentucky River, and therefore their proposal provides no security from prolonged droughts and / or contamination of the river. Obviously, a connection to the Ohio River (which will soon be available via the Louisville Water Co. at Shelbyville at a cost far less than KAW's proposal) addresses this issue, as well as point #1.
3. Granting KAW this proposal effectively would give them a monopoly on the majority of the water supply in Central KY. The token share they have offered the BWSC (Bluegrass Water Supply Commission) is obviously an attempt to deflect criticism of their Monopoly. Surely the PSC realizes that giving any one entity a virtual monopoly on a utility, especially when that entity has demonstrated it's propensity for large rate increases in the past, is terrible policy and cannot be in the greater good of the customers.

4. KAW's proposal would run their pipeline through the scenic Elkhorn Creek Valley, past the historic Switzer Covered Bridge and down scenic Ironworks Pike: All areas that are not only undeveloped farm country, but areas that make significant income from Tourism based on the scenic natural features of the area. Installation of the pipeline would negatively impact any tourism of the area for several years and be extremely disruptive of local traffic flow.

5. The environmental impacts of KAW's proposal would be tremendous. Disruption and sedimentation of the Elkhorn Creek and its tributaries, destruction of scenic roadside trees and soil erosion are certain; possible pollution from fuel/oil spills from construction equipment are likely.

A pipeline down the already-heavily-developed I-64 corridor from Shelbyville would avoid many of the negatives from points 4 & 5.

Based on the above, I urge the PSC to NOT grant a permit to KAW for their current proposal.

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