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Public Comment on Case #2007-00134
Proposed Kentucky American Pipeline

To the Public Service Commissioners,

I am writing to oppose the proposed Kentucky American Pipeline. I am a member of Citizens for Alternative Water Solutions, and I support their arguments opposing the proposed pipeline.

I live in Northern Franklin County and drive the pipeline route on a regular basis. This area of our county is unique and beautiful, and it is hard to imagine that its special qualities will be preserved if the proposed pipeline is constructed. The actual construction of the pipeline will certainly create a mess and significantly inconvenience the residents of the area. It will also cause irreversible damage to our creeks, scenic viewsheds, farmland, forests, and native species, and on these grounds alone we in Central Kentucky need to find alternatives to this pipeline.

This is also not the least cost solution for providing water to Central Kentucky, and on these grounds alone you should reject the KAW proposal.

I am also actively engaged in working to address climate change at the local level. This work also informs my thoughts about the proposed pipeline.

We live in changing times. Behind us is a time of cheap energy and the vision of unlimited growth. The future, of course, is uncertain, but the best predictions indicate that we will face dramatically higher energy costs. Electric utilities and many corporations are shifting the way that they operate, and it is likely that our society as a whole will make similar shifts in the near future.

This is a long term project and Kentucky American is charged with providing for the long term water needs of central Kentucky. And yet their plan does not consider climate change, one of the most significant forces shaping our world today. How will a changing climate affect the flow in the Kentucky River, how will rising energy costs affect the cost of operating a water treatment plant and pumping water through the pipeline, how will our demand for water change as the effects of climate change reverbrate through our society?

To propose to provide for the long term water needs of central Kentucky without considering these issues is short-term thinking that is bound to get us in trouble over time. For this reason alone, we need to find an alternative to the proposed KAW pipeline.

I beg the Public Service Commission to step back and plan for long-term good of our region. We can and must take the time to do this right, and the proposed Kentucky American pipeline is not the right choice. Thank you.

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