

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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Dear Commissioners,

I have already submitted comments on this case, but I am moved to submit further comments based on the amount of new information that has developed/surfaced regarding this issue.

There is strong evidence mounting that Kentucky American Water Company has deliberately skewed their demand/supply projection figures to create a "water shortage emergency". The obvious reason, of course, is to justify approval of their treatment plant/pipeline plan over others that are less costly but may take longer to implement.

However, testimony before your commission has revealed that there are stop-gap measures that could be implemented inexpensively to address a "water emergency", (if one should materialize in the short-term) while a more cost-effective and environmentally sound regional water solution is engineered - preferably by public entities, not profit-driven private companies. One such measure of course, is the connection to Versailles that KAW could make at a very minimal investment to supply 1-2 Mgd.

Also, much more information has surfaced regarding the Kentucky River Authority's ongoing projects and near-future plans to repair dams and install crest gates to increase the quantity and reliability of the water supply in pools 9 and 10, which supply Lexington currently.

These projects will be completed in the near future and would render a KAW supply pipeline from Owen County, a heinous duplication of facilities and horribly wasteful environmentally.

Additionally, the development of Louisville Water Company's imminent connection to Frankfort further weakens the KAW proposal. Certainly, if a pipeline to Lexington is to be built, it is

commonsense to locate it in an already-impacted corridor, make it as short as possible (Frankfort to Lexington), utilize an already-existing treatment plant facility and have a redundant source of supply (Ohio and Kentucky Rivers).

I believe, however, that in light of information recently provided by the Kentucky River Authority, there is a good probability that with the improvements to the dams of pools 9 and 10 on the Kentucky River, no major pipeline would need to be built. And if a pipeline should be necessary to augment water supplies in and around Lexington, a relatively small one (24") connecting to Louisville Water Company at Frankfort would provide plenty of extra supply.

I therefore urge you once again to deny KAW's desired "certificate of public necessity". The public's "necessity" is that we are given the best overall long-term solution to this important issue, and that a decision is not made hastily spurred by the scare tactics of a profit-driven private company.

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