

Dear Mr. Geier :

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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Greetings,

My name is Brian Geier, and I live at 1143 Camp Pleasant Road, in northern Franklin County. I work at Kentucky State University in Sustainable Vegetable Production Research and Demonstration. I'm writing regarding PSC Case 2007-00134, the proposed water treatment plant and pipeline.

Although my property will not be directly affected, I am strongly opposed to this proposal and am in favor of the Louisville Water Company's proposed alternative. It is my understanding that Kentucky American Water's plan drastically understates its cost by leaving out Phase II of the plan, which is another pipeline to the Ohio, running north from the proposed plant. We all know Lexington will need to access the Ohio. I believe KAW is being a bad public player by not being up front about the true costs of its plan. Please take time to consider the true costs of their complete proposal (Phase I and the future Phase II).

Louisville is offering an unlimited supply of water and is willing to put a cap on rates until several years in the future. With KAW, we will be subject to the kinds of requests we can see going on now across the country by American Water subsidiaries. Most, if not all, are currently requesting 20-60% rate increases. It is highly suspected that this is a corporate strategy to beef up the cost of the company, as its grandparent company, the transnational RWE, is selling American Water. Again, they are exhibiting bad public playing.

Finally, following I-64 is good common sense. Let's leave the farms and springs alone.

Feel free to contact me if you would like some sources of information to back up some of the things you may be hearing from opponents of this plan. It is important that you have access to the sources behind the comments and numbers.

Thank you for taking all your time on this important matter. Water is widely understood to be the most sought after resource of the future. The time is here to handle it wisely. Let's not let private interests make such decisions for us.

Cheers,
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