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November 28, 2007

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: Case No. 2007-00134, Kentucky American Pipeline and Plant

Dear Commissioners:

As the elected representative of the 62nd Legislative District in Scott County and Fayette County, I have heard from so many people about their concerns regarding the proposal by the Kentucky American Water Company to construct a 42 inch water transmission main through private property, mostly in Scott County and Franklin County. If you allow it to be constructed, it will run through some of the most scenic areas of our region, and will anger many, if not most, of the residents whose land, homes and farming operations will be affected. I understand that they have indicated to you their willingness to fight against what they consider to be an unnecessary abuse of their land and lives.

As you consider this application by the Kentucky American Water Company, please carefully evaluate whether there is an alternative to the line that will run through so much wonderful farmland, and which promises to be extremely disruptive to the individuals and communities in the path of the pipeline. Hopefully, this is not a decision that will be made in undue haste, and without a thorough opportunity for the Commission to see if there are other ways to address water needs of Lexington and other areas in Central Kentucky. It is hoped that you will determine whether Kentucky American has indeed investigated all of the alternatives and has selected the appropriate plan. Did the company consider the impact on people along the proposed route? What is the benefit to Kentucky American's stockholders of the various options and did that benefit play an important role in the company's selection of a route? Has there been adequate consideration of whether the Kentucky American proposal is a true long-term solution? Does the Louisville Water Company proposal offer significant benefits to Central Kentucky, such as a true long-term, drought proof solution? Why would it not be more beneficial to have two sources of supply, rather than one?

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The Commission should consider the fact that Kentucky American may have to pursue condemnation of much of the right-of-way that will be needed if the line is built along Old Ironworks Pike, Ironworks Pike and then through rural Franklin County. While Kentucky American, a private water company, may have the legal authority to condemn property that it does not serve, the fact that numerous condemnation actions are very likely to be necessary should be an element in your review.

Many people in our communities, including me, have several unanswered questions and strongly object to this proposal until those questions are answered. You have much to consider. Your careful and wise deliberation will be appreciated by everyone.

Thank you for your sincere consideration of my concerns about the proposal by the Kentucky American Water Company. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie Hoffman".

Charlie Hoffman
62nd Legislative District
Scott County and Fayette Counties

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