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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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Dear Members of the Commission:

Please consider this letter as a comment on the application of the Kentucky American Water Company for approval to construct a water pipeline through Franklin County to supply further additional customers in Central Kentucky. Having personally studied the issue of water supply for Central Kentucky for over thirty years, particularly with having made the decision not to create a reservoir out of Red River Gorge, I am somewhat familiar with this issue.

While the Kentucky River is a vitally important source presently for water supply in Central Kentucky, to fully depend on it for an adequate source of our future water needs is a major mistake. It remains currently important that we repair the dams and locks on the Kentucky River and to maintain this source of water supply even in the future. However, recognizing that the Kentucky River has a limited supply of water in the near future, we absolute must look to the Ohio River to responsibly assure our future source of water for Central Kentucky.

This issue is going to require further action by the Legislature before this issue can be responsibly resolved in that we must consider sustaining the fee system by which repairs are made to the Kentucky River locks and dams. Additionally, to insure an adequate supply of water at a reasonable cost, we must consider Kentucky State Government's responsibility of assuring a future adequate supply of water to Central Kentucky where the seat of State Government is located.

Thus, it is imperative that the Public Service Commission consider that this issue cannot be completed addressed until these issues are resolved, prompting the Commission to deny the request of Kentucky American Water Company at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian M. Carroll".

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