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Ms. Linda Breathitt
Commissioner
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear Ms. Breathitt,

I'm writing to express my deep displeasure with the Commission's approval for Kentucky-American Water Company to assess an "activation establishment fee" of \$26 to landlords of residential rental property.

I want you to know this harshly impacts the little guy. Each time a tenant moves the landlord needs continuity to service the property during the period the property is vacant and between tenants. In this economy, this happens often as there is severe downward pressure on rental prices, particularly in Lexington, where my property is located. Tenants usually are not interested in extending leases as they continually look for and find cheaper rentals.

This change does not affect the corporations that own the large rental complexes as they usually include the water service in the rent and don't meter at the unit level. Had it affected these large enterprises I'm certain the outcome would have been different as you would have been lobbied hard by that interest.

So, who's looking after the little guy? I'm convinced it's not you or the other members of your commission.

I'd like to know what compelled you to allow this. Please, if you care, do write back and let me know.

Also, I ask that you consider the little guy when you receive such requests from the gas and electric companies, as I imagine that too is inevitable.

Sincerely,



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