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From- Dominic Whelan 102 Eagle Bend Drive Sadieville, Ky 40370

Subject: Opposition to rate increase for Ky. American Water Company.

Dear Executive Director,

I would like to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed rate increase requested by the Kentucky American Water Company. They are asking for a substantial increase which will put a huge financial burden on the average worker. Utility bills have been going through the roof along with all the add-ons that have been attached recently to all the monthly bills, including insurance bills, such as school tax, fire tax, 911 tax, delivery fee, fuel surcharge fees etc... It now costs around \$300.00 a month to heat or cool the average house, with taxes and fuel surcharges adding between \$20 to \$80 extra. Almost every monthly item on the monthly budget has seen substantial increases in the last several years, (gas, food, utilities, insurance etc...) while wage increases have been very minimal. This is while corporate profits have been skyrocketing as represented by the stock market.

The average worker cannot continue to carry such a heavy load. I ask that you REJECT their request for any increase on residential water or sewer rates. If any increases are indeed justified, these hugely profitable corporations which have been handing out little to no pay increases should be more than able to absorb the increase.

Sincerely.

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