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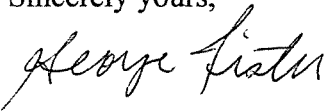
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To whom it may concern,

I recently received in the mail a notice from Ky. American Water Co. that they were requesting a rate increase from your organization. Reading through the information I became concerned in regards to the effect of the rate increase as it pertains to farms and livestock watering systems which use Ky. American water. For the last seven years I have been a director of the Fayette County soil conservation service and we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in helping farmers in central Kentucky pay for and install automatic livestock waterers on their farms. The primary reason for our involvement is to keep the animals from walking into creeks and streams in search of water thereby preventing all the associated soil erosion. The main resistance that we encounter in convincing more farmers to installing these water systems is the cost of the city water and the fear of increasing costs in the future. I read in the Ky. American brochure that they are asking for an approximately 30% increase in these water rates. I would like to ask the Public Service Commission to carefully consider the environmental impact of this rate increase and the long term harm that will result to the quality of the stream water all across central Ky. If the water rates for farms could be lowered instead of raised it would be a great help to those of us that are out here trying to improve the water quality for all Kentuckians.

Sincerely yours,



George Fister