

Dear Ms. Sharp:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Kentucky-American Water Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2010-00036. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

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Dear Commissioners:

It was appallingly insensitive to Kentucky's current economic situation for Kentucky Utilities to ask for a 13.7 % rate increase in January, but it pales in comparison to Kentucky-American Water Company's astounding 37% increase request for residential customers, 43% for commercial and 49% increase for industrial customers.

I am arguing against this increase not only for myself and other residential customers, but for the businesses small and large that are struggling right now. The dismissive remark of spokesperson Lancho: "There's never a good time for a rate increase," indicates that Kentucky-American Water Company is not only out of touch with central Kentucky but out of touch with reality. Nine months ago they asked for 32.5% and received 18%. At a time when budgets are being cut, employees are taking cuts in pay and benefits, and the misery level in general is running fairly high, this is definitely not "a good time for a rate increase." For once, Kentucky-America needs to place the best interests of the public ahead of their stockholders. I appeal to the Public Service Commission to do the right thing and deny Kentucky-American's request.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sharp

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