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June 16, 2010

Stoll Keenon Ogden Attention: Lindsey W. Ingram, III 300 West Vine Street, Suite 2100 Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1801

Re: Kentucky-American Water Company Petition for Confidential Protection received 3/16/10 PSC Reference – Case No. 2010-00036

Dear Mr. Ingram:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on March 16, 2010 on behalf of Kentucky-American Water Company ("KAWC"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in its Responses to PSC D.R. Nos. 2 and 14. The information is more particularly described as (No. 2): containing internal\accounting manuals, directives, policies and procedures; and (No. 14): all wage, compensation, employee benefits studies, analyses and surveys used by the company.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise KAWC's competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to KAWC's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky-American Water Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

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Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record