From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)

To: Subject:

your comments in case 2010-00036 - Kentucky-American Water Co. rates

Date: Friday, July 23, 2010 4:08:00 PM

Dear Mr. Cross:

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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From: Markus Cross
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Public Service Commission,

I am writing to submit my opinion on the current request by Kentucky American Water Company for a 37+ % rate increase.

I am outraged that KAWC did not attempt to gain approval for this **prior to** construction of their facility in Owen County and subsequent pipeline. It seems to me that any intelligent business institution would have secured funds/financing on the **front** end of a project rather than being well into the endeavor prior to seeking the funds to cover it. I'm sure one of the many arguments they will make is that it is "almost finished so now we have to cover our costs on it"

I would suggest that KAWC discontinue their expensive marketing campaign hypocritically touting water conservation while they profusely irrigate the front lawn of their building during drier as well as rainy days to put toward the new water treatment plant.

Moreover my institution was not able to grant any salary increases last fiscal year nor this one. Where am I supposed to find the money to pay an additional 37% for water and all the resultant taxes that are added to each water bill?

Please do NOT allow them any unreasonable and exorbitant amount on a necessary resource.

Thank you,

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