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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to reopen the Kentucky American Pipeline Case (2007-00134).

Kentucky American Water Company has made many changes to the pipeline route, and it is becoming more and more clear that the project that the PSC approved is not the project that is happening here on the ground.

Kentucky American Water (KAW) was given the go ahead for this project with the understanding that they would fulfill the terms of their permits. This has not been happening. The KY Dept. of Transportation (DOT) has a long list of safety violations, and it has even taken the unusual step of asking an inspector to dedicate much of his/her time to ~~on~~ monitoring compliance because KAW's violations have been so flagrant. (The violations continue) KAW is also required to employ adequate erosion control measures and to resod the ditchline. The erosion control measures that are in place are inadequate and are poorly maintained and KAW is leaving swaths of bare soil in its wake. This is unacceptable.

In addition to this, KAW was allowed to do this project because the PSC considered their plan to be ready to implement. KAW said that they had all their permits and were ready to go. However, this is not the case. KAW still needs a permit from DOT to close the roads, and they have yet to even request this permit.

Furthermore, there is a case in Franklin County Circuit Court considering whether KAW has the right to condemn land outside of their service area. Building the project as planned depends on their ability to do this, and KAW has yet to demonstrate that they have the right to condemn land along the pipeline route.

This project should not be allowed to proceed until KAW can demonstrate that they can complete it as planned. Doing so requires that KAW is able to close the roads and condemn land, and their ability to do either is currently in question. Because of this, KAW is hopscotching along the pipeline route. This piecemeal approach to the project is causing unnecessary delays for local residents, excessive damage to local roads, additional traffic from heavy trucks and equipment, and, probably, is adding significantly to the cost of construction. This, too, is unacceptable.

Please reopen case 2007-00134 so that the PSC can reconsider the changed circumstances of this ~~project~~ case and do its duty to protect the citizens and ratepayers of Kentucky. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Connie Semley