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Kentucky Public Service Commission Consumer Services Division 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40601

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Subject: KAWC Rate Increase for Commercial Fire Service

Name: Frank Mattone Address: 3120 Wall Street Suite #300 City: Lexington State: KY Zip Code: 40513 Phone number where you can be reached: (859) 685-3036 Home phone: (859) 266-4816 Utility Name: KAWC Have you contacted the utility about the problem: Yes

State the nature of your concern: The <u>pending</u>KAWC water rate increase of 44% for commercial property FIRE SERVICE is of great concern.

First, it is of concern because the increase has been imposed before approval by the PSC.

Secondly, it is of concern because of the magnitude of the increase.

FIRE SERVICE expense is for water held in a building standpipe. It is available in an emergency, but is static as far as usage. The actual amount of the increase, as shown on the most recent billing, increased by \$27.21 per month. This is an increase of 44%, from \$61.80 per month to \$89.01 per month. This is unacceptable.

We manage a number of commercial buildings in Lexington that have FIRE SERVICE and we are appealing for relief of this extreme increase, particularly on behalf for the 9-buildings listed below, in the following locations:

Beaumont Shoppes; 3061 Fieldstone Way Commerce Lexington Building; 300 East Main Street AT&T Building; 3120 Wall Street Pinnacle Centre; 1733 Harrodsburg Road Office Suites Plus; 2333 Alexandria Drive Medical Office Condos; 1745 Alysheba Way One Hamburg Place; 1795 Alysheba Way Crowe Horwath Building; 144 North Broadway One Plaza East; 101 Prosperous Place We are also appealing for relief of this extreme increase for <u>all other</u> commercial properties served by KAWC.

I have called to inquire about the timing and magnitude of the increase in the cost of FIRE SERVICE with the KAWC and there is <u>no</u> explanation of how or why this increase has been imposed or why it should be applied to the commercial building FIRE SEVICE monthly cost. We strongly object to this increase.

Sincerely

Frank Mattone REMMCO Services, Inc. Agent for Owners