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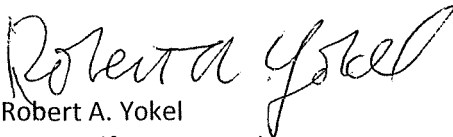
RE: Kentucky America Water request for approval of 17.88% increase in customer class rates

Dear Commission members:

I work for the largest employer in Lexington, the University of Kentucky. During the past 4 years staff and faculty of the University of Kentucky have received an average 3% salary increase, or an average of less than 1% per year. During that period Kentucky America Water rates for residential service increased 18% and then 29%. If the present request is granted, this will result in a compounded increase in residential water rates of nearly 80%.

There is great concern that the United States is entering into another period of financial challenge, perhaps a recession.

This request is out of line, in my opinion, and certainly ill timed. I encourage you to deny the request.



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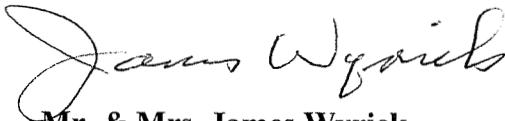
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Commissioners:


It is our understanding that the Kentucky American Water Company, an investor owned utility, is in the process of requesting a 17.88% rate increase for residential customers. We feel that this is outrageous for an investor owned company to attempt to increase its profits from a utility where there is no alternative for one of the necessities of life.

We respectfully request that no more than a 5% or less residential rate increase be granted.

Respectfully,



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Re: Kentucky-American Water Company Proposed Tariffs

After reviewing the notice of proposed changes to its rates and tariffs, I had a few questions I was hoping the Commission would ask of Kentucky-American Water Company before approving any changes.

1) What has been the trend in the volume of re-connects? The proposed changes include an increase in the reconnect fee from \$26 to \$56. For a purely administrative function, handled remotely by the push of a button if I am not mistaken, this increase seems overly punitive, especially given the hard economic times that many are facing now, which might get worse given Congress's inability to act. Nonetheless, depending on the typical volume of re-connects, the increased fee seems like it would be a source of increased revenue in addition to the proposed rate increases.

2) How far into the future are distribution system infrastructure charges supposed to last? Rather than be a temporary, annually adjusted, "actual cost" item, the "Distribution System Infrastructure Charge Rider" proposed looks as though it will become a permanent part of rates in the future – the notice indicates this by stating, "the investment costs would be incorporated into rates [in the future]." Are infrastructure updates not already included in our current rates, perhaps from a previous "rider"?

3) Are power and chemical costs not already included in our rates to cover operating costs? If so, why is a "Purchased Power and Chemical Charge Rider" necessary?

I don't know the terminology or normal operations of utilities, nor what is normal and acceptable for them to request in their proposals to the Commission. The questions I posed above are simply concerns I have from a lay reading of the notice of proposed changes. In colloquial terms, it looks like there is some "double-dipping" going on.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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