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Post Office Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Dear Sir:

I am responding to a notice from the American Water Co. that they intend to raise their rates to customers effective February 28, 2016. This letter is to oppose an increase.

First of all, there is something wrong with increasing rates effective on the 28th of February 2016 before approval is granted by the Public Service Commission. Approval may take many months or not at all.

The American Water Co. operates as a so called "Benevolent Monopoly". From the figures provided in their notice it looks like money is the object, not benevolence.

Using their own figures for dollar amount and percentage of increase for each customer classification it can be determined what American Water Co. is making per year from these sources. That amount is \$85,438,004. The rate increase would amount to \$13,453,446. In their notice, American Water says they contribute shareholders dollars to programs that assist customers that are facing financial challenges. This is a sure sign that the American Water Company knows it is charging too much. Hopefully the Public Service Commission will make a decision favorable to the customers. I am a citizen and a customer of the American Water Co.

Sincerely,
James E. Muth