

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case number 2015-00418 - Kentucky-American Water Co. rates
Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 2:35:56 PM

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for your comments in case number 2015-00418, the application of Kentucky-American Water Co. for an adjustment in rates.

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2015-00418. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

The application and other documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2015-00418

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Tiffani Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 2:26 PM
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To Whom It May Concern;

I am wanting to let my concerns be known about the current proposed water rate hike requested by KY American Water. A 17% increase is not a reality! Overall income has not increased including social security and our current state of market. Research shows that Louisville residents pay about 40% less than Lexington for water currently which would put us at an even higher discrepancy in costs. This would be the fifth water rate increase in 10 years. If the Public Service Commission grants this latest request, we will be paying 80% more for water than in 2006. It's time for the Commission to say NO!

Thank you for your time, a concerned citizen!

Tiffani Brown

Homeowner: 3917 Yellowwood Trce, Lexington, KY 40514



From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case number 2015-00418 - Kentucky-American Water Co. rates
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Dear Mr. Gerrlach:

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From: Greg Gerlach [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 12:54 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case # 2015-00418

To the Kentucky Public Service Commission,

It seems as though a 17% rate increase is way too much. I assume Kentucky American is asking for more than they really need in hopes of getting a lower amount. Although water rates are increasing in many cities around the nation, the average increase in 2015 was only 6% for 30 of the largest cities in the United States.

I would like to see published how much of this rate increase is going towards increased salaries for Kentucky American executives and profit for shareholders.

I trust the public service commission will not simply rubber stamp this request. Please consider the impact such a large rate increase will have on people who are already finding it difficult to pay their utility bills.

Sincerely,

Greg Gerlach
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From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: "Steven Lee"
Subject: your comments in case number 2015-00418 - Kentucky-American Water Co. rates
Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 2:42:27 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for your comments in case number 2015-00418, the application of Kentucky-American Water Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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From: Steven Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 9:29 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2015-00418

As a concerned citizen I wanted to express my concern regarding the extremely high increase request from Kentucky American Water.

In looking at AWK, the parent company, the increase request stated that the need was predicated on the 3 year lag since last request. I am not at all familiar with the workings of a utility but a few observations. AWK Gross margin has increased from 2012-2014 from 53.4% to 55.2% hardly showing compression from cost escalations. Comparing this to AWK to AWR, another public company, I see that AWK EBITDA margin is 47.9% compared to AWR of 35.7%, AWK vs AWR Net income is 14% to 13.5% respectively.

In all appears AWK is outperforming its listed public competitor and as such on the surface falls short of justification in the need to extract additional earnings from the Kentucky customers at this 16% overall increase with residential being more in the 18%.

Please let me know if I can get answer any questions regarding this overreaching increase.

Respectfully,

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