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The purpose of this letter is to protest the proposed 22.9% increase in residential water rates by the Kentucky American Water Company filed in an application to the PSC on 28 November 2018. My status is that I am simply a consumer and the interest I wish to convey to the PSC is based on common sense. A 22.9% increase is outrageous. Kentucky American Water will justify the increase and come up with justifications and quote all the proposed additions necessary to conduct business, but I feel this is just an exaggeration on their part. They ask for a 22.9% increase knowing they will receive slightly less than what they expect, but well within their own calculations. They're simply "going through the motions". What about the elderly recipient who is on a fixed income (perhaps from Social Security) and they must reprioritize their own finances to meet this water bill increase? Who speaks on their behalf? I don't see the Social Security Administration increasing benefits a whopping 22.9% for their recipients.

Someone needs to speak out for the little person. Someone needs to speak out for the consumer. Someone needs to tell American Water Company to "live within their means" and learn to be creative like the rest of the public does. Someone needs to say "no"!

I hope my letter expresses my indignation about the proposed 22.9% water bill increase and bring this matter to your attention. I only wish more people would speak out.

Sincerely,

David Gore