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July 19, 2018

The Honorable Michael J. Schmitt, Chairman
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
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RE: PSC Case No. 2018-00208

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

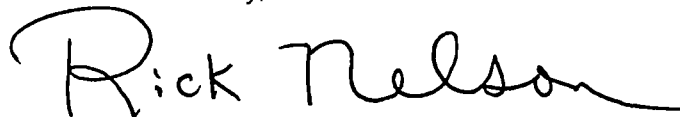
Recently the Water Service Corporation of Kentucky announced that they have filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a water rate increase for the city of Middlesboro and surrounding areas. This proposed increase amounts to a more than 30 percent rate hike in utility costs to the citizens of my district. I do not believe that this utility has demonstrated the need for such a significant increase to customers. My district can ill afford any increases in service costs while unemployment is high and job possibilities are at their lowest.

It is my understanding that the affected consumers have a period of time in which to comment on this increase and that the Commission could allow the utility to institute these increases while the application is pending action by the Commission. As a rate payer of Water Corporation of Kentucky, and State Representative for the district, I am personally asking for the Commission to intervene in this proposed rate increase. Further, I ask that the Commission take the following steps to protect the consumers in my district by:

- 1) Denying the utility's request to immediately institute these increases during the pendency of this proceeding.
- 2) Allowing additional time for the consumers to express, in a public forum held in Middlesboro, their opinions on this rate increase.

I look forward to working with your office on behalf of the citizens of my district on this matter. Please contact me if you have any other questions that I may be able to address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Rick Nelson
State Representative
87th Legislative District

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