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Please find this body of thinking as MY statement of concern of the proposed water rates increase to be leveraged against the City of Clinton, KY and its citizens.

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## COMMONEALTH OF KENTUCKY

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

In the Matter of:

Electronic Application of Water Service Corporation of Kentucky for a General Adjustment in Existing Rates

## **Executive Summary**

Come before the PSC of Kentucky, in regard to my reaction to the impacts and findings of fact with Case No. 2020-00160, I offered these pages for your deliration and thought.

There seems to be 5 primary tracks for evidence and factual research. At the end of the day, all discussions within this case will be about the struggles of one small community in West Kentucky fighting to live and survive its future.

Reality in this case seems to be based upon:

- (1) Does the Water Services Corporation exists as a small corporation, outside of and independent of any corporate overlords?
- (2) Has the 10 year water management practices of WSCK hindered the progress and growth of the City of Clinton toward population growth, new small business establishment, and sound planning for sustainability for natural resources in area of Clinton Sphere of Influence?
- (3) Did WSCK jeopardize the City of Clinton ability to increase financial stability due to extra income that may have been blocked through the corporate policies of WSCK toward an open and transparent partnership with City of Clinton? (Example of large water hook up fees for new businesses)
- (4) The practice of "non-resource community comprehensive planning" seems to (with corporate intent) be acted upon as a way to secure WSCK's strategy of "Water Resources Colonization of a local strategic water supply?"
- (5) Without a legal City of Clinton signed contract with WSCK, does WSCK have "standing before the laws of Kentucky" to spend, speak for or otherwise exercise control over City of Clinton water supply?

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## I. Statement of Purpose

When in the field of human endeavorment, there arises the opportunity of enlightenment, one should gladly embrace this unique moment for not only for reflection, but situational awareness of one's standing, within the social frame we call community, and we also call home.

This document/letter of comment is offered to the PSC in the faith that the review of this application, will be inclusive and based upon the realities of Kentucky water resources, as a foundational pillar in conducting a Comprehensive Strategic Water Plan for the City of Clinton, the people who live within its boundaries and the Obion-Mississippi River Watershed that engulfs its source of water.

#### **II. Statement of Concerns:**

- **01.** Initial contract of and with City of Clinton and Aqua Water Company, 1987, was and has been an illegal instrument or document. This document was not signed by the City of Clinton Mayor or any city person of charge. Aqua Water proceeded to control the water system of Clinton without legal authority.
- **02.**From 1987 up through 2020, Aqua Water Company has been controlled by, money invested for control or direct management by or transformed into these following corporate entities: (1) Water Services of Kentucky; (2) Utilities, Inc,;(3) AIG Insurance; (4) Financial Capacity Cor1x; (5) British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (6) Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund; (7) Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (8) Halifax Regional Municipality Master Trust (9) Credit Suisse.

03. As having now operating under the flag of an international cartel of corporations, the City of Clinton relationship with Water Services Corporation of Kentucky, must be reviewed within the legal structure and framework of the Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States (CFIUS).

As enacted by U.S. Department of Treasury final regulations to implement key provisions of the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (FIRRMA), in August of 2018, new National Security rules overseeing ownership of American sensitive and critical infrastructure were codified by White House President's signature by Executive Order.

By agreeing to this proposed water rate matrix, will the Kentucky Public Service Commission push the City of Clinton into federal National Security risks being considered to be subject to direction, control over mining of fresh water, for not only local use but designing global investment fund cartel's agenda, for selling Kentucky fresh water into "water challenged" geo-political water wars around an emerging impacted climate change world?

- **04**. CFIUS's jurisdiction has been greatly expanded to include:
  - (A) Review in U.S. businesses developing or producing critical technologies;
  - (B) Owning or operating U.S. critical infrastructure assets;
  - (C) Processing or owning or collecting and storage of sensitive personal data from U.S. citizens
  - (D) any ownership of vital sensitive National Security assets must now execute filings under CFIUS forms and official review.
  - (E) degree of indirect or direct financial support of foreign powers listed by U.S. State Department as "Terrorist Nations or Organizations" as part of foreign powers money and investment into corporate stream of existence for Water Company.

05. Congress and the White House have agreed that issues of foreign ownership or direct control of National Security risks must now be sanctioned as allowed or not permitted to conduct such actions.

The list of infrastructure assets for review includes:

- (A) internet protocol networks
- (B) internet exchange points
- (C) submarine cable systems,
- (D) electric generation and transmission assets, oil refineries and pipelines;
- (E) LNG terminals,
- (F) exchanges registered under the Securities Exchange Act,
- (G) air and maritime ports, and
- (H) public water systems
- 06. Deliberate corporate policy and actions of Water Service of Kentucky and their parent companies to miss lead and confuse any true public audit of their water operations within the City of Clinton.

Records of investments, money laundering into foreign banks, costs software patches and mismanagement of security protocols seem to define the "operating management policies" of Water Services of Kentucky.

Constant failure of transparency for meeting with the users and public as well as citizen stakerholders of the City of Clinton water system.

In this light of exhibited corporate culture, many citizens of City of Clinton feel that the leadership of Water Services of Kentucky are in West Kentucky to "suck out" as much profits without any attempt "to nature or seed community growth" for future water challenges.

07. Water Services of Kentucky demonstrated no understanding or willingness to undertake with the city and citizen stakeholders any attempt to compile or meet legal requirements by Kentucky state laws and regulations for city, county or regional comprehensive community water resources and economic development planning.

**08.** Under Kentucky Revise Statues (KRS) 401 KAR 5.006, Clinton is defined in earlier PSC rate hearings some years ago as a "Regional Planning Agency" and responsive for comprehensive community planning.

#### III. Statement of fact:

- **09.** Water resource sources are no longer standing as individual deposits flowing or stationary, but now and growing more so in the future as integrated linkages into supply of water supply for staining life, businesses and recreation.
- 10. City of Clinton has rights to body of water supply within and beneath its corporate state charted boundaries.
- 11. City of Clinton, with direct and implied power of review and finding of fact, can act on behalf and with citizens who live or do business within its boundaries for relief from undue civic burden and possibility being entangled with commitment of illegal federal crimes as may be acted by contactors and subcontracts of services and or products.
- **12.** Water Service Cooperation of Kentucky is maintained as a "sub unit of Utilities, Inc., who in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Corix Utilities.
- 13. Utilities, Inc. was founded in 1965. Utilities, Inc. serves primarily residential customers across 15 states and is one of the largest privately owned water and wastewater utilities in the United States.
- 14. Corix Utilities is privately held Canadian corporation owned by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (bcIMC). Based in Victoria, British Columbia, bcIMC is one of the ;largest institutional investors in Canada, with gross assets under management of more than \$114.0 billion.
- 15. bcIMC merged with Highstar Investments for control and ownership of Utilities, Inc. in early 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

- **16.** Highstar Investments in 2014 was sold to Oaktree Captial Management. Oaktree is a major investor in securing energy, environmental, and transportation infrastructure.
- 17. In 2010, Oaktree Capital Management was named one of three advisors to the Russell Global Opportunistic Credit Fund and was selected as a manager for Credit Suisse Banking fund 2011.
- **18.** A 2010 report commissioned by the Swiss corporate accountability group Berne Declaration citied Credit Suisse for its role in providing financing to companies involved in human rights abuses.
- 19. In 2014, Credit Suisse pleaded guilty to US federal criminal charges related to wealthy American and German customers tax evasion issues and was forced to pay a penalty of \$2.6 billion. Include within these scandals were also charges relating to violations of US laws orbiting dealings with countries such as Iran Sudan, its involvement in selling toxic subprime mortgage securities
- **20.** In 2019, Oaktree Capital Investment was acquired by Brookfield Assets Management which had took control of 62% of Oaktree Capital Management.
- 21 Dateline August 8, 2018 the mega money funds of Macquarie, Canadian pension fund manager, British Columbia Investment Management, sovereign wealth fund Abu Dahabi Investment Authority and Germen reinsurer Munich Re acquire 77.87 % control of Open Grid Europe gas network.
- **22.** In early 2006, Dubai Ports World, a company controlled by the government of Dubai, attempted to acquire Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co., a U.K. based company running global operations in more than a dozen ports, including six U.S. port facilities.

This series of events caused debates within Congress over whether U.S. national security was threaten by the transaction. The new oversight from the CFIUS defined new rules of foreign entanglements covering intent of foreign monies to control vital U.S. infrastructure.

#### IV. Statement of Rate Increase Rebuttal

These are rebuttal points drawn from Water Services of Kentucky initial presentation of standing within

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23. Reference Application Statement, "Water Services Corporation of Kentucky is a whose stock is wholly owned by Utilities, Inc..

#### **OBJECTION** to Truth of These Claims

Objection to truth of Reference Rebuttal Statement that Water Services Corporation is a Kentucky corporation not a "stand alone" corporate entity. Research of facts point to this status of cooperate entity is rather a foundational sub unit of a multi layer international corporate complement of interlocking water and energy natural resources mining operations.

# **Reference Rebuttal points:**

01, 02, 03 from Statement of Concerns

04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 from Statement of Facts

24. Reference Application Statement, "Because Water service Corporation of Kentucky has annual revenues of less than \$5,000,000, it is exempt from the requirement to file a cost-of-service study.

Objection to truth of Statement from Application.

If official records has having presented within this Application that Water Services Corporation of Kentucky is a wholly owned sub unit of Corix, then it seems logically that the test of any income standards should be applied to the totally of the corporation and just to small sub unit.

On the surface, this corporate member is attempting to test the "research skills of the PSC as to understanding corporate practices of hiding assets that made be embarrassing to final findings of this case.

- 25. Reference statements that Water Services Corporation is not a a "limited liability company;
  - "...WSCK has no stock prospectus.."
  - "...WSCK has no report to stockholders.."
  - "...WSCK has no annual report or other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.."

#### OBJECTION TO LOGIC OF EXISTENCE STATEMENT

If these are actual "legal truths" than WSCK must be defined for purpose of any federal and or corporate standing as a "Shadow Shell Dummy Corporation" formed with the intent to defraud or laundry international assets valuations' for higher up corporate stock trading.

26. Reference statement that WSCK wants to use 2020 as only time span to study actual water demand and usage (Q10/A10 page 7).

## OBJECTION TO SINGLE TEST YEAR CONCEPT

The parameters of proposed Test Year presupposed that normal conditions will be a straight line activity and service demand into the future.

- "...using a test year twelve months ended March 31, 2020"
- "...expenses and rate base grounded upon known and measurable post-test year changes"

Application logic is flawed in this assumption that "all is, and will continue to be, normal."

Events of weather, climate change, population movement, politics, financial markets swings, Pandemic virus, clash of transition of auto industry with loss of aviation industry, into new demands for cheaper energy sources off of any oil base grids were high marks of first part of the year 2020.

- 27. From June 2020 through December 2020 major changes to how Americans live will come from these "Event Dynamics" impact to what passes for the normal in our life.
  - "...50 million Americans loss income and jobs"
  - "...massive food supply inflation and shortages"
  - "...ending of Era of Big Oil.."
  - "...start of Age of Fresh Water Supplies upon Earth"
  - "...110 American cities and streets now engaged in civil disobedience and uprisings
  - "...restructure of work and work place
  - "...restructure of shopping and consumerism
  - "...restructure of all community and personal utility services on to new management platforms and tools.."
- 28. It took American economy some 10 years to recover from the Great Recession of 2008-2009. Now in 2020, the country is facing and experiencing a 100 year Great Depression. Many futurist experts predict that recovery from the Great Depression and Great Pandemic will take some 10 years. As we know normal, normal may not occur until 2030.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF COURSE OF ACTION TO RECOVERY

29. WSCK's history as been to "shoot from the hip" with regard to management City of Clinton water system.

Further discussion and or debate of this Application should include a "way forward" for Comprehensive Community Watershed Planning, as a joint partnership platform between City of Clinton, County of Hickman, Watershed of Obion Creek, Mississippi River Drainage inherit rights to standing (granted by laws of nature and man) with Water Services Corporation of Kentucky.

This public-private partnership should be conducted with a 10 year Planning Sphere of Influence operated through 3 year adjusting of facts and needs assessments finalized in 10<sup>th</sup> year.

## V. Statement of Sovereignty

Long within the annals of nations has existed the concept of Sovereignty. This has been and still is defined as "the power of a country to control its own government. This has been for 244 years of existence the American Experiment of freedom and democracy. Sovereignty in these settings has come to be understood as "government of the people and for the people."

**30.** By constitutional rights and operational traditions, the state of Kentucky has allowed the City of Clinton **dominion** over and sovereignty over the land, air and water assets found within its geo-spatial sphere of corporate influence.

This degree of sovereignty is also shared with the County of Hickman, where in lies the City of Clinton. Both have dominion rights over air and water resources.

- **31.** The Dictionary of American Politics defines Colonization as..."The occupation and permanent settlement of underdeveloped or newly acquired territory by the nationals of a state under the political control of that state; sometimes loosely used to denote the extension of sovereignty by an imperialist power over the peoples and lands of weaker or semi civilized nations.
- **32**. By their corporate history and threat of continuing their template for dominion of water systems, Water Services of Kentucky act as foreign powers sent to America to make colony's out of water resources.

Colonization is another perspective of how the Age of Globalization" has for the past 30 years define the spread and control of foreign powers and mega national corporations in their quest to privatize fresh water sources.

- **33.** As the Age of Big Oil declines, the Age of Big Water is rising in importance. Water is being planned as the new "wealth" of the future.
- **34**. Over the past ten years (2010 through 2020), Whatever its name from Aqua up to Corix, has operated and sought to control not only the water resources of the City of Clinton, but delivered mismanagement services over the City of Clinton, The County of Hickman in Kentucky.

In addition, these actions have proven to be a deterrent to the future coordination of Regional (counties) Local (City) Water Resources sustainability comprehensive planning of the Obion Watershed that serves as a basin of fresh water helping to feed the Mississippi River.

**35**. Water management monies collected by Aqua/Utilities, Inc. have establish a pattern of international mega water Investment Companies to profit from the subversion of the water destinies of places like City of Clinton.

This view of sovereignty is being defined as "what serves the corporate bottom line," is the proper definition of geo-political control over strategic resources. This imperialist thinking has come to Aqua Water, Utilities, Inc. from a long legacy and tradition that started with the British East India Trading Company and is in full overdrive with recent government rules and policies that maintain corporations are "people" with the same rights of existence.

36. This application for rate change is "but a clever instrument and future platform for the full subversion of American Water Sovereignty."

A core question to be answered by PSC findings is just how far the Sovereignty of an American unit of government will be control or subverted by a major foreign complexity of businesses nation-state?

The currant long line of corporate breeding has given rise to a waterenergy super business national state for the control of global water resources. This long line includes (A) Aqua Water, (B) Water Services of Kentucky, (C) Corix Financial Capacity Cor1x; (D) British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (E) Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund; (F) Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (G) Halifax Regional Municipality Master Trust and (H) Credit Suisse.

- 37. Water Services Corporation of Kentucky constant failure of transparency for meeting with the users and public sector as well as citizen stakerholders of the City of Clinton water system, has established a "climate of corporate arrogance" toward the natural rights of men, women, and children for modern water and natural resource governance.
- 38. In light of this exhibited corporate culture, many citizens of City of Clinton feel that the leadership of Water Services of Kentucky are in West Kentucky to "suck out" as much profits without any attempt "to nature or seed community growth" for future water challenges.

# VI. Comprehensive Planning for City of Clinton

- **39.** At the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century into the pages of a 20<sup>th</sup> Century, City of Clinton was a booming urban structure. There were some 5,000 residents of the city that supported some 80 businesses within the Central Business District (CBD). It had become a leader in regional and local education. The first seminary west of the lakes was formed in Clinton in 1837. By 1916, Clinton had three (3) colleges to be located within its city boundaries. At that time it was called the "Athens of the West."
- **40.** Massive civilizationial and technological Change swept into Clinton in a short time portal from 1908 through 1916. In eight years the streets went from 100% being the culture of Horse and Buggy world over to the streets by 1916 being 100% the kingdom of automobiles (primarily Fords) and new technologies in communications.

Now in the shadows of events of 2020, the City of Clinton once again faces massive questions of existence. This point in time offers up the challenge of which road to take for ensuring that the city will survive the next 10 years. Paramount to this quest of enlightenment is just how the citizens will forge a new future without any type of comprehensive planning.

- 41. Issues of comprehensive Community Planning include thee facts:
  - (A) city population predicted in 2020 Census to be 900 to 1,000.
  - (B) this would mean a range of 16% to 20% population loss
  - (C) 457 housing units in city of Clinton
  - (D) 10% (50) are abandon, unlivable, or otherwise not being used for human shelter
  - (E) 40% of this household population are occupied by families and individuals in the "below poverty" line of income.
  - (F) main factories closed 10 years ago. One small stove factory, with 87 employees remain.
  - (G) largest employer within City of Clinton is the County and City School system. Some 200 adults work in this system.
  - (H) 60% of Clinton Central Business District is vacant or not in use 30% of Clinton CBD is for non-profits, government, medical 8% of Clinton CBD is for personal services 2% of Clinton CBD is for retail
- **42.** Now Clinton has no direct planning structures other then what may pass as being concern over its physical structure and resource base as in roads and sidewalks. However, Clinton is served by a long list of specialized Economic Development Agencies:
  - (A) Purchase Area Development District
  - (B) Hickman-Fulton County Economic Development Agency
  - (C) Hickman County Economic Development Agency
  - (D) WAVE Economic Development
  - (E) West KY. Labor Force Agency
  - (F) TVA-Tennessee Valley Authority
  - (G) Delta Regional Authority

The City of Clinton sets at these organizations tables, mainly for informational purposes. Most of the time is spent in chasing "factories for cheap labor Spec buildings" economic development policy planning.

These agencies share a common bond in that they do no or very little water futures planning or environmental policy development for long term climate impact.

However, with this Application, the Public Service Commission has the opportunity for advancing Kentucky 21<sup>st</sup> Century planning of not only water but all utilities that touch Kentuckians day-to-day lives.

**43**. PSC, working through the Governor's Office with the Department for Local Government can expand Kentucky's existing Federal-State Joint Funding Administration Process. This action track would allow for design and development of a one-of-a-kind in the nation 21<sup>st</sup> Century total Land base and Water-Air Base planning components to define a 10 year Kentucky Growth Strategy.

# VII. Statement City of Clinton Stakeholders of Water Futurism

- **44.** This water rate application has the potential for becoming a model in Kentucky for conducting a Comprehensive Water Development Planning process. In this single event of defining future water rates for the City of Clinton, Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) could become the lead portal of coordination of integrating future water planning into future comprehensive community economic development planning.
- **45.** In 2020, across Kentucky are over 100 communities that are facing the issues of water planning with the demands of growth or no growth, taxation in face of declining tax base, and declining populations.

With City of Clinton, PSC has the opportunity to allow federal, state, and non-profit issue groups to become involve in a statewide redefinition of state, regional, and local comprehensive planning. These would be the next generation of water planning and usage for 2020 through 2030.

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**46**. These agencies and organizations that could join in future broad intergraded Kentucky Water Summit Comprehensive Planning could include the following:

# **Kentucky State Agencies**

- (01) Department of Agriculture
- (02) Department of Health Services
- (03) Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
- (04) Nature Preserves Commission
- (05) Department of Environmental Protection
- (06) Division of Conservation
- (07) Division of Forestry
- (08) Kentucky River Authority
- (09) Kentucky Geological Survey
- (10) UK Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute
- (11) UK Cooperative Extension Service
- (12) Department for Local Government
- (13) Department for Natural Resources
- (14) Department for Military Affairs

## **Division of Water Federal Agencies**

- (01) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- (02) Army Corps of Engineers
- (03) US Geological Survey (USGS)
- (04) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- (05) US Fish and Wildlife Service
- (06) Ohio Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO)
- (07) US Forest Service (USFS)
- (08) Office of Surface Mining

# Federal Agencies and Offices

- (01) White House Office of President/Domestic Affairs
- (02) OMB
- (03) Treasury
- (04) Southeast Federal Regional Council
- (05) Homeland Security
- (06) Speaker of the House Office
- (07) Senate Leader Office
- (08) Federal Region IV Council

# Non profits

- (01) Kentucky Resource Council
- (02) Sierra Club
- (03) Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
- (04) Kentucky Waterways Alliance
- (05) Area Development District Council
- (06) Kentucky Association of Counties
- (07) Kentucky League of Cities
- (08) Kentucky Chamber of commerce
- (09) Farm Bureau Federation
- (10) Kentucky Rural Water association
- (11) Kentucky Water and Wastewater Operators Assoc.
- (12) the Nature Conservancy
- (13) Natural Heritage Trust Fund Board
- (14) Colleges and Universities

# VIII. Statement of National Security Questions from WSCK Application

**47.** National Security aspects of City of Clinton, Kentucky and the Obion Creek Watershed to the Mississippi River Watershed Drainage Area are just now becoming an issue for military and Homeland security planning interests.

Aside from the questions of how the Water Service Corporation of Kentucky transfers its money into foreign powers and operates on agendas not of U.S. American best interests; there exist the Strategic Water Reserve of the Obion Creek Watershed to a national water plan for Homeland Defense.

Climate Change experts are developing maps of the future that will chart Earth surface heat in the year 2030. Over the next 10 years only two broad geographic areas will be classified as "cooling zones."

The 1<sup>st</sup> primary Earth Cooling area consists of the Great Amazon River Basin and watershed in South America.

**48**. The 2<sup>nd</sup> primary Earth Cooling area consists of the Mississippi River Watershed south of Cairo, Illinois. Just South of Cairo, Ill. lies the Obion Creek Watershed.

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- **49.** The Obion Creek Watershed encompasses more than 206,108 acres in Graves, Hickman, Carlisle and Fulton Counties. Obion Creek is primarily spring fed and flows 48 miles where it merges with Bayou de Chien just north of Hickman and then discharges into the Mississippi River.
- **50**. This is one of five priority areas in the nation that are considered for protection by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because of its importance to migrating waterfowl.

The lower Delta **river** directly supports 585,000 jobs and generates \$151.7 billion. Original estimates put the **river's** overall impact at \$200 billion and 1 million jobs. The profiles showed that the top three **economies** on the entire **river** are manufacturing, tourism and agriculture.

51. Some 80% American economic goods either travel (truck) or flow (river barge) through this "choke point of geography" around the center of the Mississippi River convergence with the Ohio River at Cairo, Illinois.

This is the exact center of the 17 states water flow in vast Mississippi River Watershed

The Obion Creek Watershed, coupled with the Mayfield Creek Watershed engulfs the Kentucky side of the Lower Delta Region of the Mississippi River flowing south to the Gulf of Mexico.

**52.** Who controls this area of geography also controls a strategic advantage over growing important infrastructure assets of bridges, port terminals and water supply.

This control is a major National Security concern. Or more direct, if Water Service Corporation of Kentucky is defined as "an agent or sub party to foreign powers then this will constitute National Security risks to the safety of future America

#### IX. Statement of Public Service Commission Future

This water rate application has the potential for becoming a model in Kentucky for conducting a Comprehensive Water Development Planning process.

**53.** In this single event of defining future water rates for the City of Clinton, Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) could become the lead portal of coordination of integrating future water planning into future comprehensive community economic development planning.

In 2020, across Kentucky, are over 100 communities that are facing the issues of water planning with the demands of growth or no growth, taxation in face of declining tax base, and declining populations.

With City of Clinton, PSC has the opportunity to allow federal, state, and non-profit issue groups to become involve in a statewide redefinition of state, regional, and local comprehensive planning.

Already there is public pressure within the Kentucky General Legislature (bill filed in last Legislature) to reexamine the policy setting authority and administrative structure, of the existing Public Service Commission.

**54.** At stake is Kentucky State Government coordinating its full planning powers into and within a new budget, defined and reframed by 1 or 2 billion dollar shortfall. Many local communities will also suffer from budget shortfalls.

One of the unfolding stories of this 21<sup>st</sup> Century, of state governing, is that the tradition of allowing each agency to conduct its own "silo" state and local planning process, is not only rapidly going out of style, but cannot much longer be affordable in face of massive budget taxation shortages.

55. Kentucky, unlike any other state in America, has the power of operating the Joint Funding Administration program of coordinating federal agencies monies and public policy planning requirements. The end product of this program is a Kentucky State Government vision and budget tied into 15 sub regions of Kentucky.

**56.** Events of 2020 may lead into a 2021 year in which the U.S. Congress allocates some 5-7 Trillion dollars to states and local governments for new infrastructure construction.

If this happens, the state of Kentucky could be the only state in America ready to lead the nation on creating new construction jobs.

In 1976, Kentucky Program Development Office, Governors Office, working with the 15 Area Development Districts research and documented a new Kentucky Atlas/Master Water Systems Inventory and plan for the future.

Now, in this time of economic crisis and planning "window of opportunity" the situation exists for the PSC to take charge and coordinate all water planning for Kentucky.

**57.** This course of action could produce the next generation of community public infrastructure jobs and water planning and usage for 2020 through 2030.

# Last Thoughts....

- 58. If a Kentucky city or its agent supplies water, (by well or ground storage), to general population, commerce, and manufacturing, within their collective and shared geography, how can the absence of the county not be part (as a major entity of standing) of the PSC rate coverage strategy and regulation process?
- 59. What should be the doctrine for community inclusion of PSC rulings for short term rates as well as long term geo-economic restructuring of society and local community natural resource planning?
- 60. Is it time to reorganize the PSC into more of a shared public vehicle, for visionary policy planning, for the integration of all traditional utilities community economic impact, going forth into this 21<sup>st</sup> Century?