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Re: Case No. 2026-00094
Kentucky-American Water Company
(General Rates)
(Tariffs)

Public Service Commission:

Notice regarding the above-referenced Case No. 2026-00094 appeared in my local newspaper, The Middlesboro News, on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

As a customer of Water Service Corporation of Kentucky (Acct. [REDACTED]), I am writing to comment about the Kentucky-American Water Company Application that will affect Bell County, Kentucky. I am totally against this proposed water rate increase along with proposed addition to its tariff/surcharge that will be calculated and applied to the customer's monthly bill.

Bell County, Kentucky is located in the "poorest congressional area in the United States". People in Bell County are already experiencing prices/costs/problems which are here to stay for a while with no relief in site:

- *higher gas prices
- *higher utility costs
- *higher rent costs
- *lack of affordable housing
- *higher grocery prices
- *higher medical costs
- *hospital closing
- *lack of public transportation
- *a high rate of people living on "real" fixed incomes

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AND more importantly, there are people in Bell County who are ALREADY having to make choices on eating, paying utility bills and paying for medicine.

There are currently applications being taken for some jobs, ***not designed for senior citizens and the unskilled***, in Bell County; however, these jobs, even if they come to fruition, WILL NOT be available for at least 2 years.

Water Service Corporation's customers CANNOT avoid the proposed rate increases in this Case.

Public Service Commission, please be fair and help us.

Sincerely,



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