



Kanawha County Commission

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Kanawha County Commission Opposes WV American Water Rate Hike Approved by the Public Service Commission

Charleston, WV – The Kanawha County Commission vehemently opposes a 4.29% rate increase for WV American Water customers that was recently approved by the Public Service Commission. This increase became effective January 1, 2023.

The Public Service Commission previously approved rate hikes for WV American Water in both 2020 and 2021.

Right now, customers are already strained by inflation and the rising cost of utilities. This rate hike is yet another example of “sticker shock” that customers will be facing.

The Kanawha County Commission strongly opposes this rate hike, as it will negatively impact tens of thousands of customers.

Commission President Kent Carper said, “We have and will continue to support legislation to cap your skyrocketed utility bills.”

Commissioner Ben Salango added, “Utility costs have increased dramatically over the last decade, and it’s inexcusable. Kanawha Countians should not have to struggle to pay their water bill.”

Commissioner Lance Wheeler said, “With roaring inflation affecting everyday households, I strongly oppose yet another utility rate increase. This is not the time to increase rates when everyday households currently struggle to pay their bills.”