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A new issue brief by Ithaka S+R explores why an estimated 557,000 Kentuckians with some college credit but no degree have not re-enrolled in postsecondary education. The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) worked with Ithaka S+R to better understand the challenges and successes experienced by both institutions and students when learners return. The brief, “Supporting Adult Learner Engagement in Kentucky,” offers context and solutions related to unpaid balances, transcript withholding and administrative holds for returning learners.

“Kentucky’s goal is for 60 percent of adults to have a college credential by the year 2030, up from the current level of 56 percent,” said Dr. Aaron Thompson, CPE President. “Re-engaging the half million Kentuckians who left school without a credential will be critical to reaching our goal.”

When a stopped out student owes money, the college often places an administrative hold on their account until the debt is paid. A registration hold, for example, prevents a student from re-enrolling. While institutions are not in the financial position to resolve all debt, there are ways to work with students to provide more flexibility and simplify bureaucratic processes.

Elizabeth Looker, Senior Program Manager at Ithaka S+R, explains: “Through our research collaboration with CPE, we identified a range of actionable opportunities—both big and small—for postsecondary institutions to address the administrative and financial barriers that prevent adult learners from enrolling. By implementing these recommendations, colleges and universities across Kentucky can increase enrollment, support more adults in earning high-quality credentials and strengthen the state’s economy.”

The brief recommends that institutions identify ways to remove enrollment barriers through adjustments such as auditing existing holds on student accounts, offering flexible payment plans to adults wishing to re-enroll and creating debt forgiveness programs that dismiss some or all unpaid balances as students accumulate additional credits toward a degree.

**If you go**

CPE will host a webinar on **June 13 at 2 p.m.** to discuss the brief’s findings and recommended actions for campuses seeking to support adult learners as they begin or complete a college credential. To register, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/mt4502nw7ug?#registration>.

**KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

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# Application filed to increase annual water service revenues

## NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company ("Kentucky American Water") expects to file on May 16, 2025, an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission proposing to increase annual water service revenues by approximately 19.9%, net of Qualified Infrastructure Program ("QIP") revenues. The proposed annual revenue increases by customer classification are: Residential - \$13,942,464 (18.8%); Commercial - \$6,636,729 (18.8%); Industrial - \$827,944 (24.9%); Other Public Authority - \$2,236,971 (24.9%); Sales for Resale - \$468,544 (24.9%); Private Fire Service and Hydrants - \$1,209,793 (24.9%); Public Fire Hydrants - \$1,415,542 (24.9%); Miscellaneous ("Bulk Sales of Water through Loading Stations") - \$18,564 (12.8%). The proposed effective date of rates is for service rendered on and after June 16, 2025. Kentucky American Water has requested proposed rates be implemented to all customer classifications as shown below:

|                             |                      | <u>Current</u>      | <u>Proposed Average</u> | <u>\$ Change</u> | <u>% Increase</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                             | <u>Monthly Usage</u> | <u>Average Bill</u> | <u>Bill</u>             |                  |                   |
| Residential (5/8")          | 3,942 gallons        | \$47.67             | \$56.73                 | \$9.06           | 19%               |
| Commercial (5/8")           | 36,304 gallons       | 257.97              | 313.98                  | 56.01            | 22%               |
| Industrial (2")             | 1,705,505 gallons    | 9,432.49            | 11,885.09               | 2,452.60         | 26%               |
| Other Public Authority (2") | 128,172 gallons      | 928.23              | 1,156.94                | 228.71           | 25%               |
| Sales for Resale (6")       | 1,934,938 gallons    | 11,307.30           | 14,370.04               | 3,062.74         | 27%               |
| Miscellaneous (1")          | 12,346 gallons       | 100.55              | 124.52                  | 23.97            | 24%               |
| Private Fire Hydrant        | N/A                  | 96.82               | 121.00                  | 24.18            | 25%               |
| Public Fire Hydrant         | N/A                  | 61.57               | 76.90                   | 15.33            | 25%               |
| Private Fire Line (6")      | N/A                  | 100.35              | 125.70                  | 25.35            | 25%               |

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Present Rate</u> | <u>Proposed Rate</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>% Increase</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 5/8"              | \$ 17.55            | \$ 19.45             | \$ 1.90       | 11%               |
| 3/4"              | 26.20               | 29.00                | 2.80          | 11%               |
| 1"                | 43.60               | 48.30                | 4.70          | 11%               |
| 1 1/2"            | 87.30               | 96.80                | 9.50          | 11%               |
| 2"                | 139.70              | 154.80               | 15.10         | 11%               |
| 3"                | 261.90              | 290.30               | 28.40         | 11%               |
| 4"                | 436.60              | 483.90               | 47.30         | 11%               |
| 6"                | 873.00              | 967.50               | 94.50         | 11%               |
| 8"                | 1,396.80            | 1,548.00             | 151.20        | 11%               |

|                        | <u>Current Rate</u>               |                                  | <u>Proposed Rate</u>              |                                  | <u>\$ Change</u>                  | <u>% Increase</u>                |     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
|                        | <u>Per 1000</u><br><u>Gallons</u> | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u> | <u>Per 1000</u><br><u>Gallons</u> | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u> | <u>Per 1000</u><br><u>Gallons</u> | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u> |     |
| Residential            | \$6.7291                          | \$0.67291                        | \$9.4567                          | \$0.94567                        | \$2.7276                          | \$0.27276                        | 41% |
| Commercial             | 6.0875                            | 0.60875                          | 8.1129                            | 0.81129                          | 2.0254                            | 0.20254                          | 33% |
| Industrial             | 5.0324                            | 0.50324                          | 6.8779                            | 0.68779                          | 1.8455                            | 0.18455                          | 37% |
| Other Public Authority | 5.6070                            | 0.56070                          | 7.8187                            | 0.78187                          | 2.2117                            | 0.22117                          | 39% |
| Sales for Resale       | 4.9527                            | 0.49527                          | 6.9266                            | 0.69266                          | 1.9739                            | 0.19739                          | 40% |
|                        | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u>  | <u>Per 50</u><br><u>Gallons</u>  | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u>  | <u>Per 50</u><br><u>Gallons</u>  | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u>  | <u>Per 50</u><br><u>Gallons</u>  |     |
| Miscellaneous          | \$0.40000                         | \$0.20000                        | \$0.61736                         | \$0.30868                        | \$0.21736                         | \$0.10868                        | 54% |

| <u>Private Fire Line Size</u> | <u>Current Monthly Rate</u> | <u>Proposed Monthly Rate</u> | <u>\$ Change</u> | <u>% Increase</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2"                            | \$ 10.25                    | \$ 13.85                     | \$ 3.60          | 35%               |
| 4"                            | 41.25                       | 56.00                        | 14.75            | 36%               |
| 6"                            | 92.80                       | 125.70                       | 32.90            | 35%               |
| 8"                            | 165.00                      | 223.00                       | 58.00            | 35%               |
| 10"                           | 257.85                      | 348.90                       | 91.05            | 35%               |
| 12"                           | 385.90                      | 521.40                       | 135.50           | 35%               |
| 14"                           | 371.80                      | 502.40                       | 130.60           | 35%               |
| 16"                           | 660.20                      | 892.30                       | 232.10           | 35%               |
| Private Fire Hydrant          | 89.53                       | 121.00                       | 31.47            | 35% Increase      |
| Public Fire Hydrant           | 56.94                       | 76.90                        | 19.96            | 35% Increase      |

Kentucky American Water is proposing to reset the QIP surcharge to zero and incorporate the investment costs into base rates. The average monthly bills shown in this notice include the QIP surcharge in the current average bills and a \$0 amount for the QIP surcharge in the proposed average bills.

This application may be examined at the offices of Kentucky American Water located at 2300 Richmond Road in Lexington, Kentucky.

This application may also be examined at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or on the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding this application may be submitted by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kentucky American Water but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, which establishes the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the providing of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

# Accepting bids for mowing and trimming services

prebid walkthrough will take place on 5/15/25. Contracts will be awarded on 06/02/25.

Any questions will need to be submitted to [info@gtownha.org](mailto:info@gtownha.org).

Will the owner of a 2012 white Toyota Camry, VIN 4T1BF1FK7CU185873, please call Clark's Towing & Recovery at 502-863-7534. The vehicle will be sold for past due tow bill on 05/27/25.

Will the owner of a 2008 red Toyota Yaris, VIN JTDBT923884039970, please call Clark's Towing & Recovery at 502-863-7534. The vehicle will be sold for past due tow bill on 05/27/25

Will the owner of a 2007 red Chevy HHR, VIN 3GN-DA13D97S539150, please call Clark's Towing & Recovery at 502-863-7534. The vehicle will be sold for past due tow bill on 05/27/25.