

Letters to the Editors

Don't let water utility take a mile

Congratulations to Chattanooga's local leaders and Fight-theHike.org for taking a stand against Tennessee-American and its parent company. I was part of Felton FLOW, a community action group that took a similar stand for rights to fair water in California.

After fighting rate increases for years, we determined that a locally owned, locally managed water system would yield lower rates, better service and protect our natural resources. Equally as important, it would be accountable to voters. Cal-Am, owned by Tennessee-American's parent company, could not offer us any of those things.

We live in a great country where we are assured certain rights. While we may not have the constitutional right to affordable drinking water, we have the freedom to fight for what's in the public interest. Don't let Tennessee-American bilk you for all you're worth, Chattanooga. If you give them an inch, they'll take a mile. Fight for affordable water.

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