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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of :
Aqua Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Increase its : Case No. 09-1044-WW-AIR
Rates and Charges in the Lake Erie Division. :

Prepared Testimony
of
Wm. Ross Willis
Accounting and Electricity Division
Utilities Department

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1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

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3 A. My name is Wm. Ross Willis. My business address is 180 East
4 Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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6 2. Q. By whom are you employed?

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8 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

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10 3. Q. What is your current position with the PUCO and what are your
11 duties?

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13 A. I am an Administrator in the Accounting and Electricity Division
14 within the Utilities Department. My duties include developing,
15 organizing, and directing staff during rate case investigations and
16 other financial audits of public utility companies subject to the
17 jurisdiction of the PUCO. The determination of revenue requirements
18 in connection with rate case investigations is under my purview.

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20 4. Q. Would you briefly state your educational background?

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22 A. I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree that included
23 a Major in Finance and a Minor in Management from Ohio University

24 in December 1983. In November 1986, I attended the Academy of
25 Military Science and received a commission in the Air National
26 Guard. Moreover, I have attended various seminars and rate case
27 training programs sponsored by this Commission.

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29 5. Q. Please outline your work experience.

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31 A. Following graduation from Ohio University, I joined the Public
32 Utilities Commission in February 1984, in the Utilities Department as
33 a Utility Examiner. I have held several technical and managerial
34 positions with the PUCO. They include Utility Examiner, Utility
35 Rate Analyst, Utility Audit Coordinator, Utility Supervisor, Utility
36 Administrator 1 and my current position, Utility Administrator 2.

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38 My military career spans 27 honorable years of service with the Ohio
39 National Guard. I earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and I am a
40 veteran of the war in Afghanistan. I retired from the Air National
41 Guard in March 2006.

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43 I have previously testified before this Commission.

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45 6. Q. What are your responsibilities in this proceeding?

47 A. I am the project leader assigned to this case for the Accounting and
48 Electricity Division within the Utilities Department. I am responsible
49 for the Revenue Requirements and I have overall responsibility for all
50 activities of this case within the Accounting and Electricity Division.
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52 7. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
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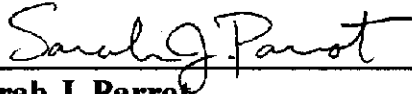
54 A. The purpose of my testimony is to sponsor the Staff Report of
55 Investigation for Case No. 09-1044-WW-AIR and respond to
56 Operating Income and Rate Base questions. Other Staff members
57 will respond to the other specific areas. Mr. Goins and Ms.
58 Rutherford will respond to Rates and Tariffs questions, Mr. Chaney
59 will respond to Rate of Return questions, and Mr. Baker, Mr. Evans,
60 and Ms. Vance will address Service Monitoring and Enforcement
61 questions.
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63 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
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65 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prepared Testimony of Wm. Ross Willis** was served upon the following parties of record by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 20th day of July, 2010.



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