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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

Prepared Testimony
Of
Chuck Goins
Rates and Tariffs 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 Chuck Goins. My business address is 180 East Broad Street,
4 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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6 2. Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

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8 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a Utility
9 Specialist in the Utilities Department.

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11 3. Q. Please outline your educational background.

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13 A. I am a 1981 graduate of Findlay College, in Findlay, Ohio earning
14 Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Management and Business
15 Administration.

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17 4. Q. Please briefly outline your work experience.

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19 A. I came to the Public Utilities Commission in September of 1990. In
20 January of 1992, I accepted the position of Utility Rate Analyst in the
21 Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department. In
22 October of 1996, I was promoted to the position of Utility Rate Analyst

1 Coordinator. I was promoted to my current position of Utility Specialist
2 in January of 2000.

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4 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

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6 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address issues in the Rates and Tariffs
7 section of the Staff Report of Investigation. I will specifically address the
8 following objections: Ohio Consumers' Counsel objection #32 and Aqua
9 Ohio, Inc. objection #3.

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11 6. Q. Ohio Consumers' Counsel objection #32 states that OCC objects that the
12 Staff Report did not adjust the tariff rates of some of Aqua's users (i.e.,
13 Auburn Hills Condos, and Special Contracts) to reflect the impact of the
14 recommended Revenue Requirement that was identified in the Staff
15 Report (\$16.15 million as a lower bound, and \$16.49 million as an upper
16 bound vs. the filed \$17.57 million). How do you respond?

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18 A. Staff did not adjust the rates for the Auburn Hills Condos because the rates
19 they are currently paying are contract rates. The Special Contract
20 Customers are on special contract for a set term. At the end of the contract
21 term, these customers will be put on a "flat rate", which is equal to the
22 average rate for the East and the West customers. Staff does not agree
23 with this objection.

1 7. Q. Aqua Ohio, Inc. objection #3 objects to Staff wanting to maintain the
2 “Availability For Use” charge (AFU) for the Seneca area. How do you
3 respond?

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5 A. PUCO Staff has reconsidered its position on this objection and agrees with
6 the Company that the AFU charge should be eliminated in the Seneca
7 area.

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9 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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11 A. Yes, it does.

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