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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division/Case #09-1044-WW-AIR  
180 E. Broad Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OHIO 43215-3793

Subject: Aqua Ohio, Inc. Rate Increase

Commission Members,

The reasons stated in Aqua Ohio's request for a rate increases may or may not be valid in some communities they serve, but as a representative (Mayor) of the Village of Roaming Shores I disagree with their reasoning as it pertains to our Village.

The following items are some of the reasons Aqua Ohio is requesting a rate increase. I will list them and why I feel they do not apply to our Village.

a) Uncollectible Accounts Expense

The Village of Roaming Shores receives one bill for our water usage and Aqua Ohio is paid in full at each billing. The burden of billing and collection of the individual water bills is solely that of our Village. In addition the billing expense of Aqua Ohio to the Village of Roaming Shores consists of one bill.

b) Sludge Hauling Expense

The Village of Roaming Shores operates its own water treatment plant. We process our waste water and haul the resultant sludge at our own expense. Note: We have recently began a sludge dewatering process to reduce our own hauling and disposal costs and are currently in negotiations with local farmers that may be able to use this product to fertilize non humane consumption crops.

c) Fire Protective Service

The Village of Roaming Shores maintains its own fire hydrants and any water used as a result of a fire is already being billed to the Village.

d) Meter Reading and Maintenance

The Village of Roaming Shores maintains and reads its own meters.

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e) Customer Service System

The Village of Roaming Shores handles its own customer service.

f) Maintenance of Water Tank

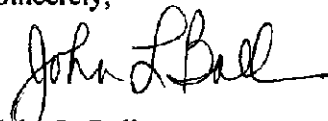
The Village of Roaming Shores owns and maintains its own water tank.

g) Treatment Plant Maintenance

The Village of Roaming Shores operates its own Waste Water Treatment Plant.

I understand that our situation is unique compared with other communities involved in this request for rate increases. And it is for this reason I ask that you consider this in your decision and disallow any increase at all for our Village.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Ball". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John L. Ball

Mayor

Village of Roaming Shores