

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Aqua Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Assess) Case No. 10-1254-WW-PWA
a Purchased Water Charge in the Lake)
Erie Division.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Applicant, Aqua Ohio, Inc., (Aqua Ohio) is a public utility and a waterworks company as defined in Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(7), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) Section 4909.171, Revised Code, permits a waterworks company, whose water supply is provided by another waterworks company whose water rates have been approved by the Commission, to request an increase or decrease in rates to reflect changes in the cost of water imposed by the other waterworks company without proceeding under Sections 4909.18 and 4909.19, Revised Code. The change in rate or charge must be based solely on a change in the cost to the company of the water. The statute requires that the request for a rate change be accompanied by evidence of the new rates imposed by the other waterworks company and appropriate tariff revisions, without change to the existing division of revenue responsibility.
- (3) On August 27, 2010, Aqua Ohio filed an application pursuant to Section 4909.171, Revised Code. Aqua Ohio purchases its water supply for the Lake Erie Division from Ohio American Water Company. Aqua Ohio's application included a purchased water calculation, a work paper supporting the purchased water calculation, proposed tariff sheets, and a proposed customer notice.
- (4) On October 4, 2010, Aqua Ohio filed responses to Staff data requests which included copies of bills showing the prior and current rate charged for water by Ohio American Water Company and work papers the support the application.

- (5) On October 7, 2010, Aqua Ohio filed revised exhibits to support its application.
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the revised tariff and finds that the Applicant's revised proposed tariff is reasonable and that the purchased water rate component contained therein is consistent with the rates approved by the Commission in Ohio American Water Company, Case No. 09-391-WS-AIR (May 5, 2010), and would not generate revenues in excess of the cost of water purchased from the Ohio American Water Company.
- (7) The Applicant's revised tariff should be approved.
- (8) The Applicant's revised proposed customer notice should be approved.
- (9) By accepting this revised tariff for filing, the Commission is in no way foreclosed from investigating the justness and reasonableness of the Applicant's rates in a future proceeding.
- (10) An increase authorized pursuant to Section 4909.171, Revised Code, is not effective until forty-five days after the date the company has provided affected customers with notification of the increase.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Applicant's proposed purchased water adjustment clause is approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Applicant is authorized to file, in final form, four complete, printed copies of tariff sheets consistent with this Finding and Order. Applicant shall file one copy in its TRF docket number 89-7028-WW-TRF (or may make such filing electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR), and one copy in this case docket. The remaining two copies shall be designated for distribution to the Rates and Tariffs, Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff shall be the date upon which four complete, printed copies of the approved tariff are filed with the

Commission or forty-five days after the special mailing of the customer notice, whichever is later. The new tariff shall be applicable to bills rendered on or after the effective date. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the revised proposed form of customer notice be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Applicant immediately commence mailing of the revised customer notice to its residential customers by special mailing. The Applicant shall notify the Commission in writing upon completion of the mailing. It is, further,

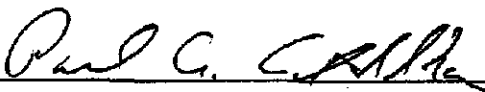
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be deemed to be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO




Alan R. Schriber, Chairman



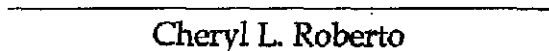
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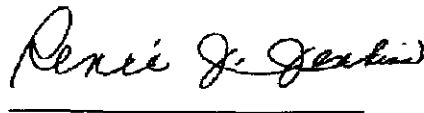


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