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1	THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
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3	IN THE MATTER OF:
4	THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA PARK WATER
5	AND SEWER SYSTEM FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS
6	RATES AND CHARGES.
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8	Case No. 11-5500-WS-AIR
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12	Public Hearing
13	August 23, 2012
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1	APPEARANCES:	1	administrator.
2		2	MR. MCKENNEY: Thank you.
3	JONATHAN J. TAUBER, ESQ.	3	Columbia Park Water and Sewer
4	BRYCE MCKENNEY, ESQ.	4	System filed this application for a rate
5	LYNN SLABY, CHAIRMAN	5	increase on November 7, 2011, and amended it on
6	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio		January 9, 2012. Columbia Park, in its
7	180 East Broad Street	7	application, requested a revenue increase of
8	12th Floor	8	approximately 63 percent. The PUCO staff
9	Columbus, Ohio 43215		report was issued in June. Staff recommended a
10	(614)466-0659		lower revenue increase of 19 percent over
11	jonathan.tauber@puc.state.oh.us	11	current revenues. The staff report is a
12		12	recommendation only, and the five PUCO
13	DAVID R. HOLLAND, ESQ.	1	commissioners may implement some suggestions
14	Columbia Park Homeowners/Tenants		and reject others.
15	Association	15	The purpose of this evening's
16	1610 The Hanna Building	16	public hearing is to receive comments from the
17	1422 Euclid Avenue		public regarding Columbia Park's application in
18	Cleveland, Ohio 44115	1	this case. It is not a question-and-answer
19	(216)664-0700	[session, but it is your opportunity to let the
20	dholland@hollandfoley.com	20	commission know what you think about Columbia
21	~~~~	21	Park's request.
22		22	The local public hearing scheduled
23		23	in this case is only one aspect of the process.
24		24	An evidentiary hearing is also scheduled and
25		25	will commence on August 28, 2012, at the
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1	MR. MCKENNEY: The Public Utilities		offices of the commission in Columbus.
	Commission of Ohio has assigned for public	2	When you arrived you were offered
	hearing at this time and place, Case No.		the opportunity to sign up to testify. After I
	11-5500-WS-AIR, which is captioned In the		finish with my introduction, I will begin
1	Matter of the Application of Columbia Park	5	8 8
1	Water and Sewer System for an increase in its		the sign-up sheet and ask you to come up to the
•	rates and charges.		table and face the court reporter at the podium
8	My name is Bryce McKenney. With me	1	here. You will need to take an oath or an
	this evening is Jon Tauber, and we are the	9	affirmation that what you're about to say is
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1	attorney examiners assigned by the commission		the truth and then state your name and address
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1	additional testimony after we finish the list	1	Page times, for us that own our home and live on
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3	grant each witness just one opportunity to	3	Here we are again asking for your
	testify; witnesses will not be granted the	-	help to stop this unconscionable water and
			sewer increase that is another attempt by our
	time.		out-of-state landlords, Columbia Brook-Park
7	Tonight's hearing is being		Management, dba as Columbia Park Water and
8			Sewer, to take advantage again of seniors on
1	to testify, please speak plainly and clearly so		fixed incomes. This attempt to increase our
1	that the court reporter can accurately reflect		•
1	your comments on the record. Also, if you have		bills by 63 percent is beyond comprehension.
			The majority of homeowners have indicated their
	prepared a written statement, it would be		opposition to the proposed increases as
	helpful if you could provide a copy to the		written. We have the support of political
1	court reporter.		leaders; AMHRO, The Association of Manufactured
15	The commission appreciates your		Home Residents in Ohio; and the Ohio Consumer
	participation in tonight's hearing and we want		Council, who helped guide us in 2004. But
	everyone who wishes to make a public statement		unfortunately, due to the state of our budget,
	to have the opportunity to do so, so please be	18	cuts are not able to help us at this time.
	considerate of others waiting to give their	19	Since 1952, the previous owners
1	testimony and keep your statements to a	20	obviously did a great job making sure the
	reasonable period of time.	21	facility was doing its intended job with
22	At this time, I will begin calling	22	minimal average of \$5 per month rate increases
23	witnesses forward.	23	per year without a tariff. As you may recall,
24	I will start with Frank Pojman. Is	24	in 2001, these owners originally requested to
25	Frank Pojman here?	25	increase water by 26 percent and the sewer rate
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1 19.65 percent or lower as a reasonable and fair	1 Since our last dialogue with you in 2004, the
2 solution.	2 Homeowners/Tenants Association has instituted a
3 When Columbia Brook-Park Management	3 food bank supported by fellow homeowners and
4 was applying for a certificate of public	4 community organization food drives to help many
5 convenience and necessity, PUCO Case	5 that are short at the end of the month.
6 01-2567-WS-ACE, forming Columbia Park Water and	6 Thank you very much for taking time
7 Sewer System, Mr. Ken Burnham, one of the	7 out of your busy schedules and your personal
8 principals, sent a letter October 6, 2001 to	8 time to be here for us. We need your help and
9 Ms. Daly at PUCO indicating a decrease in the	9 understanding in this matter. Please decide
10 original rate increase dated September 24,	10 fairly whose pocket the money should go into.
11 2001. Mr. Burnham stated, "The vast majority	11 That is the "American Way."
12 of our customers are senior citizens, living on	12 Frank Pojman, resident of Columbia
13 fixed incomes. In analyzing the proposed rate	13 Park, president of Columbia Park
14 structure we initially proposed in September	14 Homeowners/Tenants Association. Thank you.
15 2001, we are concerned that our senior	15 And I just want to make sure that
16 customers may not be able to afford an increase	16 everybody's statement will go into the public
17 of that magnitude." They knew what they were	17 record and the unwritten the people have to
18 getting into. Well, folks, here we are, 11	18 turn in statements at the end of the hearing.
19 years later and that hasn't changed.	19 MR. TAUBER: That's correct. If
20 In 2001, in the description of	20 you have a written statement, leave it with the
21 public convenience to be served, the mobile	21 court reporter up front and we'll also have
22 home park had grown to 1,096 lots. The plant	22 that within the docket.
23 also serves a shopping center, medical building	23 MR. POJMAN: Thank you.
24 and any facility on the former gas station site	24 MR. MCKENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
25 at the southwest corner of Parkway and Columbia	25 Pojman. At this time I would like to at
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1 Road. In current case 11-5500-WS-AIR they	1 this time I would like to call forward Chuck
2 indicate 973 customers at this time, a loss of	2 Palmer.
3 123 customers through no fault of the senior	3 Mr. Palmer, would you please raise
4 homeowners in Columbia Park. It has been noted	4 your right hand.
5 by repeated happiness of ongoing preowned home	5 CHARLES PALMER, of lawful age,
6 sales and new home sales on the upswing that	6 having been first duly sworn, was examined and
7 Columbia Park Water and Sewer is heading in the	7 testified as follows:
8 right direction, which will increase their	8 MR. PALMER: I do.
9 revenue as well. Mr. Burnham also indicated on	9 MR. MCKENNEY: Would you please
10 October 6, 2001 that "an 8 percent return on	10 state your name and address.
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11 invested capital is fair." We believe it	11 MR. PALMER: My name is Charles
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1 two, three times every day for people		HARRY SMYTHE, of lawful age, having
2 emergency help or something. It costs	-	been first duly sworn, was examined and
3 Your insurance, you don't get for noth		testified as follows:
4 know, we got to pay 50 percent water,	•	MR. SMYTHE: I do so swear.
5 it going to come from? It's not comin	- 1	
6 Social Security. You guys take the tir		name and address for the record.
7 talk to these people and see the hard the		THE WITNESS: My name is Harry
8 they're having. That's all I got to say.		Smythe, S-m-y-t-h-e, and I'm a resident of
9 MR. MCKENNEY: Thank yo		Columbia Park.
10 I want to next call Pat Patterso		MR. MCKENNEY: Thank you. You may
11 Please raise your right hand.		proceed.
12 PAT PATTERSON, of lawful	-	MR. SMYTHE: I am a
13 having been first duly sworn, was examined		resident/homeowner in Columbia Park. I receive
14 testified as follows:		my water sewer and water services from
15 MS. PATTERSON: I do.		Columbia Park Water and Sewer System.
16 MR. MCKENNEY: Please sta	- 1	I am here to request that the
17 name and address for the record.		Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny
18 MS. PATTERSON: My name	1	Columbia Park Water and Sewer Systems' rate
19 Patterson and I live at 12 Brightwood		increase of 63 percent and approve as low of a
20 Columbia Park.		rate increase as is possible. That is shown to
21 MR. MCKENNEY: Thank yo		be necessary. Ohio law requires that the PUCO
22 proceed.		consider the circumstances of the individuals
23 MS. PATTERSON: Thank yo	•	affected by any rate increase.
24 the vice president of the Homeowners		I am 70 years old, I'm retired and
25 Tenants Association and I am here als	o to 25	unemployed, live on a fixed income, can't
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1 request that the PUCO commission		afford to pay much more for water and sewer
2 deny Columbia Park Water and Sew		services than we have. I've had no increase in
3 rate increase of 63 percent. Ohio la		my Social Security for many years and, you
4 that the Public Utility Commission of		know, it's a significant loss as we now see a
5 circumstances of the individuals affe	• 1	lot of inflation starting to creep into our
6 any rate increase.	1	economic system again. Should the rate of
7 I am 73 years old, recently w		these services increase more than 19 percent as
8 and live on a fixed, Social Security i		recommended by the PUCO staff report, I will
9 which has been lower since my hust	· ·	have great difficulty in paying for water and
10 I cannot afford to pay much more fo		sewer services.
11 sewer services because the rents hav		I see no justification for any
12 and as of this year, it is costing me \$, ,	increase in water or sewer rates within the
13 per year more than the first year that		system, especially one where losses have not
14 in the park. I should say, since the r		been accounted for in the overall system. And
15 owners purchased the park. So my i		I feel that we are being somewhat held to pay
16 less and I am not working any more.		for what we have no control over.
17 And should the rate increase	1	
18 excessive as requested, I will have g		my circumstances and point of view, and I
19 difficulty in paying for my water and		request that my comments be made part of the
20 services.		official record of these proceedings,
21 Thank you for your consider		8/23/2012.
22 my circumstances.	22 april Harry 23	-
23 MR. MCKENNEY: I'll next	call Harry 23	comments will be received.
24 Smythe.25 Please raise your right hand.		I apologize if I mispronounce your names. I would like to call to the stand Bob
25 Please raise your right hand.	23	

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1	Forster.	1	Richard Lewis, L-e-w-i-s. I live at 9 Tympani
2	Please raise your right hand.		Trail in Olmsted Park.
3	BOB FORSTER, of lawful age, having	3	MR. MCKENNEY: Thank you.
4	been first duly sworn, was examined and	4	MR. LEWIS: Or in Olmsted Township
5	testified as follows:		in Columbia Park.
6	MR. FORSTER: Yes, sir.	6	I'm 73, retired, and of course, I'm
7	MR. MCKENNEY: Please state your	7	on a fixed income also. My wife has MS, so
8	name and address for the record.	8	medical bills for me are astronomical. I pay
9	MR. FORSTER: My name is Bob		42.90 a month just for property taxes for
	Forster. I'm a resident of Columbia Park and	10	
1 .	receive my water and sewer services from		didn't have an increase, thank God. But with
	Columbia Park Water and Sewer System.		that, and all other cost going up, other taxes,
13	I am here to request that the		cost of food and, of course, medical, we just
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	rate increase as possible. Ohio law requires		water that we're getting, I have to change the
	that the PUCO consider the circumstances of the		inner workings of commodes every two years
	individuals affected by any rate increase.		because of the calcium deposits. I have to
20	I am 83 years old, retired, on a		work every year to clean out my drains on my
	fixed income, I cannot afford to pay much more		air conditioning and heat pump system because
	for water and sewer services because my pay,		it clogs with the calcium deposits. And I have
	which we don't get an increase in Social		to do this myself; I can't afford to have
	Security, which is a big percentage of it,		somebody come in and do this all the time.
	probably 90 percent or more, is taken away to	25	So you understand that a large
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1	pay for medical on our part A or B or C or	1	increase is something we just can't afford.
	whatever. And should the increase be more than		Thank you very much, I appreciate your time.
3	19 percent as recommended by the PUCO staff	3	MR. MCKENNEY: Thank you.
	report, I will have great difficulty in paying	4	Would you please raise your right
	for my water and sewer services.	5	hand.
6	Thank you for your consideration of	6	MR. CLARK: Yes, sir.
7			MIR. CLARK: 168, SIL
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1	of LTV Steel, you'll know what happened to us.	3	MR. BROWN: I've been a resident of
	One year after I retired, they liquidated, we	4	Columbia Park for almost five years now and
	lost 52 percent of our pension, we lost all of	5	approximately two years ago I had a problem
	our healthcare, we lost our stock, our	6	with what I thought were high water bills. And
7	annuities and so on and so forth.		one of the employees came out to check the
8	Seven years ago, I suffered an		meter and everything, and at that time he
9	arrhythmic seizure of my heart and wound up in		stated that the amount of water that they
10	Elyria Memorial Hospital where I had a	1	bought every month, they could not account for
	pacemaker implanted that literally saved my		four million gallons of water, which I thought
	life. At the same time they found that my left		was unbelievable at that time. And as I said,
	atrial descending was 99.9 percent blocked and		this is over two years ago. So Frank's
	that is why you read about people dropping dead	1	statement there about the water they can't
	with no signs. I would have been dead in ten		account for, this is a system that's been going
16			back for many years and evidently they never
17	The hospital bill alone for that		put any money into or try to keep up to date.
1	was \$55,000 and counting. Now, my income does		And now come back and want to tax us with rate
	not change. What little pension that was left	ł	increases to repair something that they should
	after our 52 percent loss comes to me through		have taken care of all these years ago.
1	the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and	21	And I think like everybody else
	will never ever increase. The cost of my		in this room here, I'm on a fixed income, I'm
	healthcare has increased by leaps and bounds,		60 years old and times are starting to really
1	as it has for almost every in this park that I	1	get hard, so what do you do? You either walk
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5			Franz. I live at 13 Patio Lane.
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	office doesn't will not cover any kind of	4	The reasons for some of these
	.	· ·	expenses include the following:
	damage, you know, in your yard, you're supposed	6	The daily maintenance of the six
	to have your insurance. Well, mine will stay	-	-
	that way because I don't have a thousand	1	stations that pump the sewage away from the
	dollars after just paying \$700 on my car.	1	homes and businesses to the treatment plant.
9	And the other thing was why is it	4	These plants contain two pumps that can become
	that the City of Parma gets their sewer rates	1	clogged and without daily checks backups can
	down in the summertime so they can water their	1	occur, sending raw sewage to their point of
	grass and everything where we can't even have		origin. Also, because these pumps run 24 hours
	enough water to drink and they're over there		a day and can be clogged with items such as
	watering their grass? I think the whole thing		bandages and diapers, their lifetime is
	is all of us are all in hard times now and this		shortened. Replacement pumps range from \$3,500
	63 percent is an unrealable [sic] thing; 19,		to \$10,000 each depending on the size of the
	maybe we can. That's why they didn't raise the		pump.
	rent this year because they knew we were going	18	Chemicals to chlorinate and
	to get socked with that. Thank you.	L	dechlorinate the water are required by EPA
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3			gentlemen.
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5			all the people that I have listed to provide
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8		8	audience that would like to provide a statement
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15	MR. GRANT: I do, but it's going to	15	name and address for the record.
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	yourself.	17	Detillio, I'm here to speak for my mother,
18	•		Marlene Flaherty. She lives at 6 Dogwood.
19	name and address.	19	MR. MCKENNEY: Could you please
20	MR. GRANT: My name is Gil Grant.	20	spell your name.
21	I live at 71 Periwinkle. I just wanted to say,	21	Last name is D-e-t-i-l-l-i-o and
	first of all, the huge increases in the rent	22	Flaherty is F-l-a-h-e-r-t-y.
	here the last few years hasn't provided for the	23	Since moving to the park, my mom
	road conditions to improve at all. They're in	24	has been here for five years, and she, too, has
	terrible shape. They've gotten worse.	25	had health issues. Most recently a severe
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2	Areas of the park, they're the responsibility	2	budgeting for her, she is on a fixed income. I
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4	values have plummeted. And what guarantee do	4	in the area are doing already, not taking
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	2	3	case. Staff and I will be here for a while in
4	5	4	case you have any questions about the
5	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5	commission process or how to file additional
6	H-o-l-l-a-n-d.	6	comments in this case. Thank you.
7	MR. MCKENNEY: Thank you.	7	(Hearing concluded at 6:55 p.m.)
8	MR. HOLLAND: We would just like to	8	
9	request that you ask the audience if there's	9	
10	anyone that doesn't want to speak, but has	10	
11	written comments that they could submit those	11	
	to the official record.	12	
13	MR. MCKENNEY: Oh, certainly, we	13	
1	will make that request.	14	
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	would ask you at this time to bring them up to	16	
1	the court reporter so they may be recorded.	17	
1	They will be marked as an exhibit.	18	
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25	that would like to testify?	25	
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1	JAMES BAILEY, of lawful age, having	1	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
	been first duly sworn, was examined and	2	
3	testified as follows:	3	
4		4	I, Charles L. Butera, do hereby
5	James Bailey. Most all of you know me. I	5	1
6	lived in the park now for over 20-some years	6	Stenotypy all of the proceedings had in the
7	there. And when the other owners was there and	7	foregoing transcript; that I have transcribed
8	everything else, so I know what is happening	8	my said Stenotype notes into typewritten form
9	and what's going on and everything. But we	9	as appears in the foregoing transcript; that
	can't do it. I'm 86 years old and I just can't	10	said transcript is the complete form of the
	come on and keep leaving myself or begging my		proceedings had in said cause and constitutes a
	kids to help me pay these bills.		true and correct transcript therein.
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1	consideration and let us the old senior	14	
1	citizens of Columbia Park need a little	15	$\partial \mathbf{h}$ ∂
1	favoritism and consideration.	16	Marlos Butonni
17		17	Charles L. Butera, Notary Public
1	talking, but I thank the good Lord for that	18	within and for the State of Ohio
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