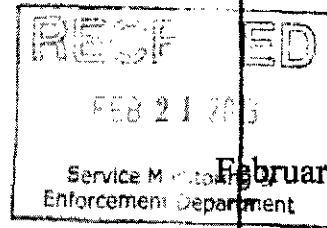


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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3797



February 19, 2014

13-2124-WW-AIR

Re: Proposed Increase Rates for Aqua Ohio, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the public notice printed in the Pike County News Watchman on Wednesday February 14, 2014 wherein the above monopolistic supplier of water to the unincorporated area of Lake White, Pike County, Ohio is "seeking increases and adjustments to, its rates and charges ...". formerly served by the Ohio American Water Company.

The notice declares that Aqua Ohio is seeking a 12.75 % increase for residential customers !

As I expressed in the survey form recently returned to your office that we retired pensioners received a 1.3 % COLA increase from the Social Security Administration for 2014. This request by Aqua Ohio is nearly 10 times that COLA. I also pointed out on the survey form that the potable quality of the water is questionable. We buy bottled water and lease the dispenser from The Water Shop in Portsmouth for our drinking water and for cooking purposes.

Further, since Aqua Ohio's takeover, the water quality has deteriorated to the point that even colored clothing and all whites must be done in Waverly to avoid brown staining. The discoloration of the water is conspicuous especially in our commodes. Even using a constant aid like a hydrogen peroxide-based toilet bowl cleaner from Lysol, we must scour the bowl at least 3 times per week and still there is a brown ring at water level. Showering/bathing ? At your own peril.

Before you declare the content of this letter to be a crazy exaggeration of the current situation I invite you to visit the Lake White area unannounced and survey the users door to door or at least take a reputable sampling of the residents . Take water samples back to your lab and then decide if Aqua Ohio deserves a rate increase or a rate decrease.

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Per the instructions posted in the Notice, this letter serves as an official notice that I, the undersigned, having standing in this matter, object to the proposed increase in rates as they are unjust and unreasonable pursuant to ORC 4909.19.

This action on my part will allow time for Lake White resident attorneys time to study and research the matter for future action(s). These actions would be filed in Pike County Common Pleas Court to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



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Xc: Aqua Ohio, Inc.
Editor, Pike County News Watchman
Ohio State Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Aqua Ohio Inc. has filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Case No. 13-2124-WW-AKH) seeking increases in, and adjustments to, its rates and charges in its entire Lake Erie service division (including Sagamore Hills, the Norick Place subdivision, the Lake Seneca subdivision, the Lake Erie East division, and portions of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Summit, and Williams counties), the entire Maumee service division (encompassing Broadwood Township and Hubbard Township in Twp. 10 N., R. 10 E., S. 10 N., and all areas formerly served by Ohio American Water Company (including Ashtabula, Franklin County, Lawrence County, Mansfield, Marion, Lake White, Portage County, Priebe County, and Tiffin).

In its Application Aqua Ohio Inc. is proposing the following General Water Service rates for Aqua Ohio Inc. customers in:

ASHATABULA, TIFFIN, LAWRENCE COUNTY, MANSFIELD, LAKE WHITE

Customer Consumption	Monthly Water Consumption Charge Per 100 Gallons
1 through 15,000 Gallons	\$1.08875
For the next 1,185,000 Gallons	\$0.81656
For all over 1,200,000 Gallons	\$0.43550

Meter Type	Monthly Water Customer Charge
5/8" meter	\$9.00
3/4" meter	\$13.50
1" meter	\$22.50
1 1/2" meter	\$45.00
2" meter	\$72.00
3" meter	\$135.00
4" meter	\$225.00
6" meter	\$450.00
8" meter	\$720.00

Charges for water service will be comprised of the applicable Monthly Water Consumption Charge calculated on the number of metered or estimated units at the appropriate rate block, plus the Monthly Customer Charge and any applicable surcharges.

Under the Aqua Ohio proposal, a representative customer in each of the following classes would experience rate changes as shown below:

REPRESENTATIVE BILL OF WATER CUSTOMERS			
	Consumption in 100 gallons	Monthly Increase	Percentage Increase
Residential	40.00	\$5.95	12.78%
Commercial	139.87	\$20.33	14.43%
Industrial	2,820.75	\$310.70	22.37%

In its Application, the Company requested the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to approve its proposed rates and charges and to grant Aqua Ohio Inc. such other relief to which it may be entitled.

ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION MAY FILE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4909.19 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AN OBJECTION TO SUCH PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES BY ALLEGING THAT SUCH PROPOSALS ARE UNJUST AND DISCRIMINATORY OR UNREASONABLE.

Recommendations which differ from the Application may be made by the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission.

A copy of the Application is available for inspection at the office of Aqua Ohio Inc. at 365 East Center Street, Marion, Ohio 43302, and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Additionally, you may view the application online by visiting the Commission's Website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, Inputting 13-2124-WW-AKH in the case lookup box, and selecting the data the application was filed.

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