# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of A Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Amend T Pages.	<u>*</u> /
1. APPLICANT RESPEC	TFULLY PROPOSES:
New Service	X Change in Rule or Regulation
New Classification	Reduction in Rates
Change in Classificat	on Correction of Error
Other, Not Involving	Increase in Rates
Various Related and	Unrelated Textual Revisions Without Change in Inten-
2. DESCRIPTION OF PI	OPOSAL:
	rity to permit Aqua Ohio, Inc. (Aqua) to bill newly Γomahawk Subdivision in arrears instead of in
3. TARIFFS AFFECTED	:
	tes, Rules, and Regulations Governing the furnishing awk Subdivision, Section 5, Second Revised Sheet
4. Attached hereto and mad	e a part hereof are:
<u>X</u> <b>Exhibit A</b> – Exi	sting schedule sheets (to be superseded) if applicable.
X Exhibit <b>B</b> – Pro	posed schedule sheets.
Exhibit C-1	
a. If new service is	proposed, describe;

b. If new equipment is involved, describe (preferably with a picture, brochure, etc.) and, where appropriate, provide a statement distinguishing proposed service from existing services;
c. If proposed service results from customers request, so state giving, if available, the number of customers requesting proposed service.
X Exhibit C-2 – If a change of classification, rule or regulation is proposed, a statement explaining reason for change.
Exhibit C-3 – Statement explaining reason for any proposal not covered in exhibits C-1 or C-2.
X Exhibit D-1 – Affidavit stating that this application will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge or rental.
X Exhibit E – Proposed welcome letter to be provided to Tomahawk customers containing notice of tariff change.

Dated: January 15, 2015 Respectfully submitted,

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Section 5
Second Revised Sheet No. 1

Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 2
Tomahawk Utilities, Inc. Water Tariff

#### BILLS AND PAYMENTS FOR SERVICE

- 1. Each customer is liable for the payment of all water supplied and for the availability of water services provided to his premises until he has paid his final bill for all charges of any kind due under the tariff.
- 2. All charges for water are due and payable in advance, quarterly on or before the first day of January, April, July, and October as stated on the bill and become delinquent not less than fifteen (15) days after the billing date thereof. Payments are to be computed on the basis of the first day of the subsequent month which follows the availability of water main adjacent to the premises and/or the installation of the service line or water connection. If any bill remains unpaid fifteen (15) days after it becomes payable, it shall be subject to a late payment charge (refer to Rates and Charges Section 2 Sheet 1 paragraph 3). Such late payment charge will not be compounded for future delinquencies, will be based on current charges only and will not be imposed in any month in which payments exceed current charges. These collection dates may be changed at the discretion of the Company, upon 90 (ninety) days notice.
- 3. Bills will be mailed to the customer at the address of the premises serviced unless customer shall, in writing, request that they be sent to some other address specified by him. The failure to receive a bill shall not relieve the customer of the obligation to pay same when due.
- 4. Billing date shall be not earlier than postmark on bill.
- 5. Service to any customer may be disconnected if a bill remains unpaid fourteen (14) days following the notice of disconnect. A reconnection charge (refer to Rates and Charges Section 2 Sheet 1 paragraph 5) will be made when service is restored.
- 6. When a customer desires water service to be discontinued, either temporarily or permanently, he shall so notify the Company at the Company's office. Any bill, and all other charges against the customer's account, must be paid in full to the office of the Company before service shall be discontinued in accordance with such request.
- 7. No rebates from rates will be allowed because a customer obtains a part of his water or water service from any well, cistern or other source, or because of curtailment.

Issued: September 14, 2006

Effective: September 21, 2006

Issued by
Tomahawk Utilities, Inc.
Jon D. Robertson, President
Date Journalized: September 13, 2006
Filed under authority of Case No. 05-1579-WW-AIR
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Section 5 Third Revised Sheet No. 1

Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 2

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Section 5
Second Third Revised Sheet No. 1

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#### **EXHIBIT C-2**

### **Statement of Reasons for Proposed Changes in Rules and Regulations**

Aqua proposes to change Section 5, Second Revised Sheet No. 1, paragraph 2 as follows:

2. All charges for water are due and payable in advance arrears, quarterly on or before the first day of January, April, July, and October as the due date stated on the bill and become delinquent not less than fifteen (15) days after the billing date thereof. Payments are to be computed on the basis of the first day of the subsequent month which follows the availability of water main adjacent to the premises and/or the installation of the service line or water connection. \* \* \* \*

Aqua requests this tariff change for the following reasons. Aqua does not bill any other of its existing customers in advance, but in arrears. Aqua has determined that billing in advance will require costly modifications and reprogramming of its billing systems.

And Aqua intends to eventually provide meters to the newly acquired Tomahawk customers, which will eliminate any need for advance billing.

Aqua would also note that billing in arrears is not unfavorable to the interests of customers, given that they pay for service only after it has been consumed. Moreover, this tariff change will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge or rental.

For all of these reasons, Aqua believes that it is more sensible to modify the Tomahawk tariff to provide for billing in arrears, than to reprogram its billing system.

Aqua intends to begin billing in arrears with the first billing at the end of the first quarter, i.e., on or around April 1, 2015.

#### **EXHIBIT D-1**

**AFFIDAVIT** 

STATE OF OHIO	)
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MAHONING COUNTY	

Edmund P. Kolodziej, Jr., being first duty sworn, deposes and says that he is the President of Aqua Ohio, Inc., the Applicant herein; that the statements submitted herewith contain proposed revisions to existing schedule sheets and establish the facts and grounds upon which this Application is based; and that the data and facts set forth herein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. This application will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge or rental.

Edmund P. Kolodziej, Jr.

President

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this \( \frac{1}{2} \) day of January, 2015.

Notary Public





December 31, 2014 **EXHIBIT E** 

Dear Lake Tomahawk Resident,

I would like to be the first to welcome you to Aqua Ohio. As of December 31, 2014 our company purchased the Lake Tomahawk water system that provides water to your home.

I also want to take this opportunity to tell you about the acquisition and outline some of the changes you will notice. One of the most important benefits of this purchase is that you will now be served by the largest private water and wastewater company in the state. With the addition of your neighborhood, we operate 38 water and wastewater systems serving more than 500,000 Ohioans. When you combine our in-state professionals with our parent company's network spanning eight states and a history dating back to 1886, you can rest assured you have the best team of water quality professionals in your corner.

Being part of Aqua Ohio also brings financial stability which is important when water plants and distribution systems need expensive upgrades. Aqua has the resources and commitment to replace aging infrastructure to assure the safety and reliability of the water delivered to your tap.

In addition to the benefits of service from our unmatched network, Aqua customers enjoy:

- **Twenty-four hour customer service** call centers at 877-WTR-AQUA where professionals have the ability to dispatch emergency work crews anytime, day or night;
- Options to pay your water bills by mail, online, by phone or in person at any of the hundreds of approved payment centers in the Western Union® network;
- Assurance that your home is being served by a team that is committed to the environment. In fact Aqua works hand-in-glove with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States EPA to assure environmental compliance and help shape public policy.

Please note that Aqua is applying to the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to change the timing of your billing from being billed in advance to being billed in arrears starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2015. Once approval of our request is received from the PUCO, your first bill from Aqua should be arriving roughly during the first half of April, 2015.

Again, you can reach our twenty-four hour customer service centers at 877-WTR-AQUA (877-987-2782).

Sincerely,

Edmund P. Kolodziej, Jr. President & COO

Aqua Ohio, Inc.

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