

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
AQUA OHIO, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO
AMEND TARIFF PAGES.

CASE NO. 16-960-WW-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on June 29, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission approves the application filed by Aqua Ohio, Inc. seeking to amend its tariff to reinsert and rename the Related Facilities Fee as the Capital Investment Fee because it was inadvertently omitted from the consolidated tariff.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} Aqua Ohio, Inc. (Aqua) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4909.18 provides that any public utility desiring to establish or modify a rate, regulation, or practice shall file a written application with the Commission. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate, the Commission may permit the filing of the rate, regulation, or practice set forth in the application and fix the time when such schedule shall take effect. If it appears to the Commission that the proposals in the application may be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission shall set the matter for hearing and shall cause notice of the hearing to be published.

B. *Procedural History*

{¶ 4} On May 5, 2016, Aqua filed an application pursuant to R.C. 4909.18 for approval to reinsert and rename the Related Facilities Fee in the tariffs of Aqua.

{¶ 5} In Case No. 15-403-WW-ATA, the Commission approved Aqua's submittal of a consolidated tariff and the Related Facilities Fee was inadvertently omitted from the consolidated tariff.

{¶ 6} Aqua is requesting to reinstitute the fee in the instant case but, proposes to rename the fee to the Capital Investment Fee. Aqua also states the fee will not apply to the areas formerly served by Ohio American Water Company, Mohawk Utilities, Inc., or Tomahawk Utilities, Inc. as the charge was not applicable to these service areas prior to tariff consolidation.

{¶ 7} Since this application will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge, or rental, no customer notice is required.

C. Commission Conclusion

{¶ 8} Upon review, the Commission determines that Aqua's application is reasonable and will not result in any rate increase to customers. Therefore, the application is approved.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the application filed by Aqua seeking to amend its tariff to reinsert and rename the Related Facilities Fee in the tariffs of Aqua, be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the Capital Investment Fee shall only be applicable to the Lake Erie Division. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That Aqua is authorized to file tariffs, in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. Aqua shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF Docket, Case No. 89-7028-WW-TRF. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

{¶ 14} 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,

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

Commissioners Voting: Asim Z. Haque, Chairman; Lynn Slaby; M. Beth Trombold; Thomas W. Johnson

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