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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-31SEWA OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE OF AQUA OHIO, INC.

The Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, met on the 21st day of June, 2016, in regular session at the offices of said Board in the Old Courthouse Building, 2nd Floor, Jefferson, Ohio, with the following members present: Daniel R. Claypool, Casey R. Kozlowski, Peggy A. Carlo.

WHEREAS, Aqua Ohio, Inc. has proposed a 9.2 percent increase in water rates for the utility's customers, which will affect over 12,000 Ashtabula area customers in the Ashtabula County Water System, the City of Geneva and Village of Rock Creek, all of which purchase bulk water from Ohio's water filtration plant in Ashtabula.

WHEREAS, Ashtabula County residents receive water and bulk water directly through Aqua Ohio, Inc., including the cities of Ashtabula and Geneva; the villages of North Kingsville, Geneva-on-the-Lake and Rock Creek; and the townships of Ashtabula, Austinburg, Geneva, Harpersfield, Jefferson, Kingsville, Plymouth, Rome, Saybrook and Sheffield; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, this request will reflect a 78% increase in water rates; and

WHEREAS, this increase is unreasonable and should be rejected by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO); and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of consumers in Ashtabula County, this Board does not support this rate hike as our families and businesses cannot sustain such a substantial increase; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, does hereby urge the Ohio Public Utilities Commission to reject the proposed rate increase of Aqua Ohio, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board be instructed to send certified copies of this resolution to all affected Ashtabula County cities, villages and townships, asking for their support in opposing this rate hike before the PUCO.

MOTION: Carlo moved the adoption, Kozlowski seconded. **DISCUSSION:** None

VOTE: Yeas: Claypool, Kozlowski, Carlo **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** None

Whereupon the resolution was declared passed unanimously

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I, Janet Discher, as County Administrator for the Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio has compared the foregoing copy of the **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-31SEWA** with the original resolution now on file in this office, which was duly passed by the board of Commissioners of said County of Ashtabula on the June 21, 2016, and that the same is a correct and true copy of said resolution.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 21th day of June, 2016.

Janet Discher, County Administrator for the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners
The Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners hereby certifies that the foregoing is an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business.
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