

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Aqua Ohio, Inc. to Increase its Rates and)	Case No. 16-0907-WW-AIR
Charges for Its Waterworks Service.)	

**MOTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING
OF AQUA OHIO, INC.**

In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12, Aqua Ohio, Inc. (Aqua or the Company) respectfully requests that the Commission continue the public hearing schedule to allow Aqua time to fully comply with the notice requirement of R.C. 4903.083. Additionally, due to the short timeframe, Aqua requests an expedited ruling on this Motion, under Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C). A Memorandum in Support follows.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

In all cases involving applications for an increase in rates, R.C. 4903.083(A) requires the Commission to hold public hearings in the affected service area, and further requires notice to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area.

On December 18, 2016, the Attorney Examiner issued an Entry scheduling the public hearings in this case for January 4, 5, and 10, 2017, and ordering Aqua to publish legal notice of the public hearings in accordance with R.C. 4903.083. Upon receipt of the entry, Aqua immediately began contacting newspapers throughout Aqua's service area. Aqua has determined that, despite its best efforts and due to the publishing schedule of multiple newspapers, it is not possible to publish notice of all three public hearings once a week for two consecutive weeks in certain newspapers in the affected service area. Accordingly, Aqua requests that the Commission

continue the public hearings to such a date as to allow Aqua to fully comply with the notice requirements.

Due to the short timeframe and the upcoming holiday, Aqua additionally requests that the Commission provide an expedited ruling on this motion under Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C). Aqua has contacted counsel for the other parties. City of Marion and PUCO Staff do not object to the issuance of an expedited ruling on the motion. The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel has not agreed not to object, but given the short timeframe Aqua still requests that the Commission issue an expedited ruling.

For the foregoing reasons, Aqua respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to continue the public hearing schedule on an expedited basis.

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Respectfully submitted,

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