

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of the Standards)	
for Waterworks Companies and Sewage)	Case No. 16-1568-WS-ORD
Disposal System Companies in Ohio Adm.)	
Code Chapter 4901:1-15.)	

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS
OF AQUA OHIO, INC.**

In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13, Aqua Ohio, Inc. (Aqua or the Company) respectfully requests extensions of time for interested parties to file initial and reply comments in this proceeding at least until February 13 and 28, 2017, respectively. Aqua also requests an expedited ruling on this Motion. Good cause exists to grant this motion, which is detailed in the following Memorandum in Support.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On December 21, 2016, the Commission issued an entry requesting comments to Staff's proposed revisions to the water and sewer rules. The Commission set a deadline of January 25, 2017, for initial comments, and February 22, 2017, for reply comments.

Aqua is requesting an extension for the following reasons. Aqua, the largest regulated waterworks company in Ohio, is currently in the midst of a proceeding to increase its rates and charges for waterworks service. *See* Case No. 16-0907-WW-AIR. That case is currently scheduled for hearing on January 19, 2017. Aqua has been in discussions with Staff and intervenors to reach a settlement, but at this point it remains possible that the case will proceed to litigation. Given the status of the rate case and the devotion of Aqua's resources to resolving it, an extension in this proceeding is necessary to afford Aqua the opportunity to review the proposed rules and prepare comments. In addition to the rate case, the first two weeks of the

comment period largely overlapped with the holiday season, which further reduced the opportunity to review and prepare comments on the rules.

The Company represents that this request is not being made for the purposes of delay. Given the impending comment deadline and the time needed to draft comments, Aqua requests expedited treatment of this motion in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C).

For the foregoing reasons, Aqua respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for an extension of time for all interested parties to file initial comments until February 13, 2017, and reply comments until February 28, 2017, on an expedited basis.

Dated: January 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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