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> In the Matter of the Application of Aqua Ohio, Inc. to Amend Tariff Section 3-7, Main Extensions. Case No. 04-304-WW-ATA Case No. 89-7021-WW-TRF

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Dear Ms. Crockron:

Pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (herein "PUCO") Finding and Order issued Tuesday March 30, 2004, enclosed for filing are four copies of the Final Main Extension Tariff Pages, Section 9, and updated Subject Index Pages for the Masury Division of Aqua Ohio, Inc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Toold M. May

Counsel for Aqua Ohio, Inc.

Enclosure

cc: Robert A. Kopas - Aqua Ohio, Inc.

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#### **EXTENSION OF MAINS**

The Company shall extend mains and provide related facilities to serve new customers in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C.") Rule 4901:1-15-30 (Main Extensions and Related Facilities) and O.A.C. Rule 4901:1-15-31 (Subsequent Connections, Service Connections and Tap-Ins), adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, as amended from time to time, except as set forth in this Tariff. In addition to O.A.C. Rule 4901:1-15-30-(H), which would otherwise require an Applicant for a main extension to advance the Company the estimated cost of the main extension, related facilities, and in some cases the tax impact, prior to commencement of construction; the Company may require the Applicant to construct the main extension with its own resources in accordance with requirements of the Company and contribute the main extensions to the Company in accordance with the terms and conditions of a main extension agreement. All main extensions and subsequent connections to main extensions shall be made pursuant to written contracts. If the Company requires the Applicant to construct, or otherwise fund the construction of, the main and contribute the main to the Company, the Applicant shall be entitled to a refund, as set forth in the main extension agreement, from each Subsequent Applicant that taps into the main extension constructed/funded by the Applicant for that portion of the main extension that will make water service available to property abutting the main extension that is not owned by the Applicant.

#### Subsequent Applicant Fee

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code Rules regarding subsequent connections found in section 4901:1-15-31 of the Ohio Administrative Code, whenever the owner of any lot abutting a main extension constructed pursuant to a main extension agreement who is not a party to that main extension agreement between the original Applicant and the Company, (hereinafter "Subsequent Applicant"), requests to tap the main extension either for a service tap or to extend another main perpendicular to the existing main at any point other than the existing main's terminus, the Subsequent Applicant shall pay a Subsequent Applicant Fee calculated either in accordance with the Per Foot Frontage Method set forth in Section 4901:1-15-31 of the Ohio Administrative Code or in accordance with the Per Lot Connection Method set forth below. The original Applicant shall determine whether the Subsequent Applicant Fee shall be calculated pursuant to the Per Foot Frontage Method or the Per Lot Connection Method in the original Applicant's main extension agreement. Once the original Applicant determines the Method for calculating the Subsequent Applicant Fee, that Method shall be applicable to all Subsequent Applicants to that water main extension. Each Subsequent Applicant shall pay the Subsequent Applicant Fee to the Company at the time of making application for service. The Company shall collect the Subsequent Applicant Fee from the Subsequent Applicant and shall distribute the Subsequent Applicant Fee to the Applicant as it is collected by the Company. The Company shall not charge original Applicant or Subsequent Applicants for collecting the Subsequent Applicant Fee and forwarding to original Applicant.

#### Per Lot Connection Method

If the Applicant elects to establish the Subsequent Applicant Fee pursuant to the Per Lot Connection Method in the main extension agreement, then the Subsequent Applicant Fee shall be computed by taking the Applicant's total cost of said main and dividing such costs by the total number of actual and potential lots

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capable of receiving service from the main, but not including any lots for which water service has been or may become available from an existing main of the system.

## Service Tap Fee

Prior to receiving water service, each Applicant for service shall pay to the Company a Service Tap Fee. The Service Tap Fee shall consist of the Subsequent Applicant Fee, if applicable, and the Related Facilities Fee. Related facility fees shall not be applicable to an existing premise (e.g. duplex) wherein an additional service line is to be installed for the purpose of separate metering and the character (service type and usage) of the total service to the premise is relatively unchanged.

## Related Facilities Fee

The Related Facilities Fee shall be the Net Rate Base divided by the number of five eights inch (5/8") Customer Equivalents. Net Rate Base shall be the total value of Rate Base minus fifty percent (50%) of the transmission and distribution mains, along with the value of the hydrants and services. The Related Facilities Fee shall be calculated on an annual basis.

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# CUSTOMER FINANCING PLAN FOR CONNECTION TO WATER SERVICE

Terms and Conditions

Aqua Ohio, Inc., will offer a financing plan to individual homeowner customers who, upon request, make an initial connection to any portion of the Company's distribution system for which the Company collects a frontage connection fee for such connection. The customer contribution of an individual homeowner to a main extension may also be financed under this plan. Such a homeowner may elect to finance eligible costs in equal payments, payable as the homeowner initially elects from over three (3) years (36 months) up to ten (10) years (120 months). Payment amounts under the financing plan will be itemized and assessed as a surcharge on regular water bills rendered to the homeowner (or "customer"). Partial payments of a customer's bill will be applied to the water service charges first and then to the finance payments. Any and all indebtedness that remains at the time when the customer's account is closed, for any reason, shall be immediately due and payable and shall be made part of the final bill.

"Eligible costs" for financing include charges designated by the Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-15-30, 4901:1-15-31, and the Company's tariffed water main extension policy (as these provisions apply when read together) that pertain to any applicable frontage connection charges, customer contributions towards a main extension, and any required related facilities charges. "Eligible costs" also include the cost of the customer's service line from the Company's shut-off valve to the dwelling, including the cost incurred to disconnect a previous water source and connect the customer's new service line. Such service line shall remain the property of the customer, and all maintenance therefore shall be the responsibility of the customer. Eligible costs shall not exceed the actual costs assessed to the customer.

The interest rate on the financing plan will be fixed for the term of the customer payments and will be equal to the Company's short term debt rate to be posted twice per year, on June 30 and December 31, but shall not exceed eight percent (8%) per annum.

Customer payments under the financing plan will be subject to a late payment fee of five percent (5%) of the payment amount if it is paid after the due date as specified on the customer bill. Non-payment of a monthly amount under the financing plan by the date of the next monthly due date listed on the customer bill shall make any and all indebtedness under the financing plan immediately due and payable and subject, at the discretion of the Company, to collection. Water service will not be terminated on the basis of non-payment of a monthly amount under the financing plan.

The financing plan for an individual homeowner's connection to the Company's distribution system will be effective upon proper execution of an Agreement of Customer (which Agreement includes a "Credit Disclosure Form" and "Amount Financed Itemization" sheet) as provided in this Tariff.

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Agreem	ent of Customer
terms of the Company's tariff filed with, and appr Agreement. The amount to be financed is \$ per month, which includes interest of specified by customer). Aqua Ohio, Inc., shall provi	connection-related costs offered by Aqua Ohio, Inc., under the roved by, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and this Customer elects to make payments of, overmonths (from 36 to 120 months, as ide by separate Credit Disclosure Form and Amount Financed ereof) and any other appropriate disclosures as required by law, tent.
Customer agrees to the terms and conditions set fo	rth above.
Date Signed by Customer:	Customer (Residential Property Owner)
	Signature
	Printed Name
Witness:	
	Address:
	Telephone No

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# Credit Disclosure Form

Annual Percentage	Finance Charge	Amount Financed	Total of Payments
Rate			
The cost of your credit as a yearly rate.	The dollar amount the credit will cost you.	The amount of credit provided to you or on your behalf.	The amount you will have paid after you have made all payments as scheduled.
%	\$	\$	\$

You have the right to receive at this time an itemization of the Amount Financed.

□ I want an itemization.

□ I do not want an itemization.

Your payment scheduled will be:

Number of Payments	Amount of Payments	When Payments Are Due
		Due at same time as
		water bill.

#### **Insurance**

Credit life insurance and credit disability insurance are not required to obtain credit, and will not be provided by Aqua Ohio, Inc.,, Creditor.

## Late Charge

You will be charged a late payment fee of five percent (5%) of the payment amount if it is paid after the due date as specified on the customer bill.

#### **Prepayment**

If you pay off early, you will not have to pay a penalty and will not be assessed a finance charge for the period after the payment of the entire amount financed. However, you will not be entitled to any refund of the finance charge assessed for the period before the date of payoff.

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Amount Financed Itemization

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\$	Amount paid to others on your behalf (itemized below).
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