**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Application of Ohio American Water Company to Increase Its Rates for Water and Sewer Service. | ))) | Case No. 11-4161-WS-AIR |

**MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE AND**

**MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING**

 Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13(A), Aqua Ohio Water Company, Inc. (“Aqua Ohio”), formerly known as Ohio American Water Company, respectfully requests an Entry extending the time to file the Stipulation and Recommendation in this proceeding from May 4, 2012, at 12:00 p.m., to May 8, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13(A), Aqua Ohio also respectfully requests an Entry to continue the hearing scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2012, at 10:00 am to May 9, 2012, due to the parties reaching a settlement in principle, but are in the last stages of finalizing schedules and a stipulation document. The grounds supporting this motion are more fully explained in the accompanying Memorandum in Support

Dated: May 4, 2012 Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF**

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 Ohio American Water Company filed its Application on August 1, 2011, to increase its rates in this proceeding. After extensive negotiations, Aqua Ohio, the Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (“OCC”), and Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Staff”) have reached a settlement in principle. These parties attended the hearing on May 1, 2012, and informed Attorney Examiners Jones and Stenman of the progress of these negotiations. These parties also advised the attorney examiners that they were in the last stages of finalizing the settlement documents and would file them as soon as possible. The attorney examiners then set a new deadline of May 4, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. to file the Stipulation and Recommendation, and scheduled a hearing for May 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

 Good cause exists to grant Aqua’s motion to extend and motion to continue the hearing pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13(A). Since May 1, 2012, Aqua Ohio, OCC and Staff have worked extensively to finalize the schedules attached to the Stipulation and Recommendation. The parties have almost completed the preparation of the schedules, including Aqua Ohio’s compliance tariffs. The additional time will allow the parties to finalize all of these documents and allow for a more timely resolution to this proceeding. OCC and Staff do not oppose the motion. Therefore, Aqua Ohio requests an extension to file the Stipulation and Recommendation in this proceeding until Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 12:00 pm, and requests a continuance of the May 7, 2012 hearing until Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

 WHEREFORE, Aqua Ohio respectfully requests an extension of time to file the Stipulation and Recommendation and requests a continuance of the May 7, 2012 hearing.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

 I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion to Extend Deadline and Motion to Continue Hearing was served by electronic mail this 4th day of May, 2012:

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