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November 13, 2006

Alan R. Schriber, Chairman
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Local Public Hearings on Ohio American Water Rate Case, 06-0433-WW-AIR

Dear Chairman Schriber,

I recently reviewed the PUCO News Release regarding the local public hearings scheduled for the Ohio American Water Rate Case. I am pleased that four local public hearings have been scheduled. I would respectfully request your consideration of an additional public hearing to be held in Portage County.

Potential water rate increases in Portage County are of utmost concern to me and the constituents I serve in Portage County. Certainly, it seems unreasonable to ask my constituents to travel a significant distance further than other affected citizens to vocalize their concerns with Ohio American's water rate increase request.

I would like to reiterate that the 21.5% rate increase request should be rejected. Additionally, I have ongoing concerns that the system maintenance issues in Brimfield Township remain unresolved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance with this matter. I appreciate all of your diligence on this issue and I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Zurz".

Kimberly A. Zurz
State Senator, 28th District

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