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To whom it may concern,

Re: case# 06-0433-WS-AIR

I strongly urge you to deny Ohio American Water's proposed water rate increase.

If you look at surrounding areas, our water rate is well above the norm. My bill is always more than \$80/month and that is just for my wife and myself. I do not wash my cars at home and I do not water my lawn. It costs me \$80/month just for showers, laundry and dishes. When we lived in Columbus proper, with the same washer and dryer, our water/sewer bill was only \$25/month on average. OAW's rates are 3 times higher with no improvement in water quality or customer service.

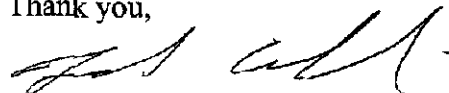
Please note that the Ohio Consumer's Council opposes the water increase
(<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/pdf/nhextra/437534213/820413673/826165925.pdf>)

Please also note that the Village of Caledonia, Blendon Township, and the cities of Tiffin and Marion all oppose this increase.

(<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/blendon/huberridge/genpage/154030178.html>)

Their proposed increase rate of 18% would cause financial hardship for not only myself but for all residents in the affected areas. Again, please deny the proposed water rate increase.

Thank you,



Alfred Conklin

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