

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)
American Water Company to Increase its) Case No. 06-433-WS-AIR
Rates for Water and Sewer Services Provided)
to its Entire Service Area.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By entry issued November 14, 2006, a local public hearing was scheduled for December 7, 2006 in Ravenna, Ohio. This hearing was subsequently postponed due to severe weather conditions. At the evidentiary hearing on December 11, 2006, it was determined by agreement of the parties that the evidentiary hearing should be continued until January 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., and that the Portage County hearing should be rescheduled to accommodate customers in the northeastern areas. Accordingly, the Portage County local hearing will now be rescheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers, 210 Park Way, Ravenna, Ohio. Further, in light of the new evidentiary hearing date, the Commission staff should file any direct expert testimony by January 4, 2007.
- (2) The applicant should publish legal notice of the local hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected service territory once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled date of the local hearing. The hearing notice should not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. The notice should read as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case Nos. 06-433-WS-AIR, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio American Water Company to Increase its Rates for Water and Sewer Services Provided to its Entire Service Area. A local hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity to interested members of the public to testify in this proceeding. The local hearing

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ON DECEMBER 12, 2006
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will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers, 210 Park Way, Ravenna, Ohio. By its application, Ohio-American Water Company seeks a rate increase which would generate for Ashtabula, Lawrence County, Marion and Tiffin Districts approximately \$4,214,864 or 17.93 percent over current revenues; for Franklin County District and the Portage County District approximately \$758,146 or 21.53 percent over current revenues; and, for wastewater operations in the Franklin County District, approximately \$157,748 or 5.05 percent over current revenues. The staff of the Commission calculates a revenue increase for all Ashtabula, Lawrence County, Marion and Tiffin Districts between \$2,583,609 and \$2,912,143 or between 10.93 percent and 12.32 percent over current revenues; for Franklin County District and the Portage County District between \$689,075 and \$730,758 or 19.44 percent to 20.62 percent over current revenues; and, for wastewater operations in the Franklin County District, \$157,748 or 5.03 percent over current revenues.

The major issues raised in this case are:

- (a) The appropriate rate base;
- (b) The determination of revenues and operating expenses, including security costs, management fees, acquisition savings, depreciation and property taxes; and
- (c) The rate of return.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, the PUCO website at www.puc.ohio.gov, or the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing be continued until January 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Commission staff file direct testimony by January 4, 2007. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Portage County local hearing be rescheduled for January 4, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers, 210 Park Way, Ravenna, Ohio. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of the local hearing be published by the applicant as directed in Finding (2). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

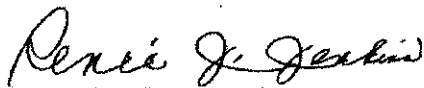


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Secretary