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Mr. Richard Bulgrin Hearing Examiner Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 12th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

> Re: In the Matter of the Application of Ohio American Water Company for Authority to Increase its Rates for Water and Sewer Service Provided to its Entire Service Area, PUCO Case No. 06-433-WS-AIR.

Dear Examiner Bulgrin:

By entry dated December 12, 2006, a January 4, 2007 deadline was set for Staff testimony. The parties have been working diligently towards settlement in this case. Staff is very confident a settlement will result from discussions; however, Staff would like to reserve its right to file testimony beyond the January 4, 2007 deadline in the event a hearing is necessary on any outstanding issue in the case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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