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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 : Case No. 06-433-WS-AIR
Water and Sewer Services :
Provided to Its Entire :
Service Area. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Scott Farkas and Mr. Richard Bulgrin,
Attorney Examiners, at the Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Room 11-F,
Columbus, Ohio, called at 10 a.m. on Monday,
January 8, 2007.

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22 On behalf of the Cities of Tiffin and
23 Marion.
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Monday Morning Session,
January 8, 2007.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER BULGRIN: Good morning.
This is the continuation of the evidentiary hearing
in Case No. 06-433-WS-AIR being 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.

I guess for the record let's take
appearances. For the Company.

MR. O'BRIEN: On behalf of Ohio American
Water Company, Bricker & Eckler, LLP, by Thomas J.
O'Brien and Sally W. Bloomfield, 100 South Third
Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER BULGRIN: For the
Staff.

MR. BEELER: On behalf of the Staff Marc
Dann, Attorney General, State of Ohio, Duane Luckey,
Senior Deputy Attorney General, Steve Beeler and Tom
Lindgren, Assistant Attorneys General, 180 East Broad
Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER BULGRIN: OCC.

MS. GRADY: Yes. On behalf of the

1 Residential Customers of the Ohio American Water
2 Company, Janine L. Migden-Ostrander, Consumers'
3 Counsel, Maureen R. Grady and Melissa Yost, Assistant
4 Consumers' Counsel, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus,
5 Ohio 43215.

6 MS. McALISTER: Thank you, your Honor.
7 On behalf of the Cities of Tiffin and Marion, McNees,
8 Wallace & Nurick, Lisa McAlister, 21 East State
9 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

10 ATTORNEY EXAMINER BULGRIN: And for the
11 record if there is any public witnesses present.

12 Let the record reflect there are no
13 members of the public here at this time.

14 Okay. I understand the Company is close
15 to reaching an agreement?

16 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes, your Honor. Since the
17 initial hearing on the 11th of December, the parties
18 have continued to work very diligently in reaching an
19 agreement to resolve issues in the case, and we are
20 extremely close to accomplishing that, but the
21 parties felt that an additional couple of days until
22 Wednesday would be in everybody's interest to get all
23 the Is dotted and Ts crossed. And in light of the
24 fact that the Company intended to bring in witnesses

1 to address the stipulation and the issues that were
2 raised at the local public hearings on Wednesday in
3 any event, we really didn't see the benefit of going
4 forward this morning. So the parties would -- and I
5 think I am speaking for everybody -- would request
6 that we continue until Wednesday at which time we
7 intend to take the case to resolution.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER FARKAS: Can I ask a
9 question? Is the City -- are the Cities of Tiffin
10 and Marion, are you going to be signatories to the
11 stipulation?

12 MS. McALISTER: At this point, your
13 Honors, we are not, but we have agreed subject to any
14 changes not to oppose the stipulation.

15 ATTORNEY EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay. All
16 right. Okay.

17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER BULGRIN: Do we have
18 any objections?

19 If not, this hearing will be continued
20 until Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

21 MS. McALISTER: Your Honor, I do have one
22 thing to raise, and we could go off the record.

23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER BULGRIN: Sure.

24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER FARKAS: Sure.

1 (Discussion off the record.)

2 (Thereupon, the hearing was adjourned at
3 10:07 a.m.)

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5 CERTIFICATE

6 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
7 a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
8 taken by me in this matter on Monday, January 8,
9 2007, and carefully compared with my original
10 stenographic notes.

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12 Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
13 Merit Reporter.

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