BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaints of:	)	
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Robert C. Abbott	)	Case No. 07-835-WS-CSS
Larry R. Mercer	)	Case No. 07-837-WS-CSS
Kenneth Smith	)	Case No. 07-853-WS-CSS
Thomas and Genevieve Chiesa	)	Case No. 07-854-WS-CSS
Tom and Pauline Belau,	)	Case No. 07-885-WS-CSS
	)	
Complainants,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Aqua Ohio, Inc.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Aqua Ohio, Inc. for Authority to	)	Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR
Increase Rates and Charges in the	)	
Lake Erie Division.	)	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

(1) The aforementioned complaints were filed by various customers (complainants) of Aqua Ohio, Inc. (Aqua) between July 23 and August 2, 2007. The complainants variously argue in opposition to the rate increase proposed by Aqua for its Lake Erie Division docketed as Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR.

(2) Aqua filed answers to the various complaints and acknowledged that complainants may be subject to a rate increase as a result of Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR, if such increase is approved by the Commission. Aqua argues, however, that, to date, Aqua has not increased complainants' rates and cannot do so unless and until such request for a rate increase is approved by the Commission. Moreover, Aqua maintains that complainants will have an opportunity to object to and submit evidence opposing Aqua's rate increase at the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner in Case No.

07-564-WW-AIR. Therefore, Aqua requests that the Commission dismiss the pending complaint cases and direct that the complaints be filed as comments in Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR.

(3) Having reviewed the pleadings filed in these matters to date, the Commission determines that the better course is to consider complainants' objections to the pending rate increases as part of Aqua's rate increase proceeding, Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR. Complainants will still have an opportunity to object to and submit evidence opposing Aqua's rate increase at the appropriate time and in the manner specified in Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR. Accordingly, these complaint cases are dismissed and the Docketing Division should refile the various complaints as comments in Aqua's pending rate proceeding, Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That these complaints be dismissed in accordance with finding 3. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Docketing Division refile these complaints as comments in Aqua's pending rate case proceeding, Case No. 07-564-WW-AIR. 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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