BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV PHIZ: 12

JOHN HOLLABAUGH,

Case No. 07-0935-WS-CSS Complainant, :

v.

AQUA OHIO, INC. :

Respondent.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Aqua Ohio, Inc., (hereinafter "Aqua"), by and through counsel, hereby answers the Complaint filed against it by John Hollabaugh (hereinafter "Customer") in the above-captioned case.

FIRST DEFENSE

- 1. Agua admits that the water bill for the premises at 9750 Patriot Ct., Concord, Ohio 44060 for water usage issued July 27, 2007 is One Hundred and Seventy Seven Dollars and twelve cents (\$177.12) if paid by August 20, 2007.
- 2. Aqua admits, based upon information and belief, that the premises at 9750 Patriot Ct., Concord, Ohio 44060 belongs to Customer as indicated in the records of the Lake County Auditor's office and that Customer is the customer of record responsible for payment of water service at that address.
- 3. Aqua denies all other averments set forth in the allegations in the Complaint either because Aqua is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments therein, or because such averments are not true, or both.

SECOND DEFENSE

4. The Complaint must be dismissed for failure to state a claim.

THIRD DEFENSE

5. The Complaint fails to state a reasonable ground for proceeding to hearing as required by the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 4905.26.

FOURTH DEFENSE

6. Aqua provides water service to Customer in accordance with its Commission approved tariff, and all applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and Commission and EPA rules and regulations.

DEMAND FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Aqua request that the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice and that Aqua be awarded any further relief, legal or equitable, to which Aqua may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of Respondent Aqua Ohio, Inc.'s Answer to the Complaint was served, via prepaid U.S. regular mail, upon the parties at the addresses listed below on the 12th day of September, 2007.

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Complainant

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