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November 8, 2007

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Tracy Hatmaker
Administrator

RE: Case #07-1112-WS-AIR

Dear Madam / Sirs:

Please find the enclosed resolution that was adopted by the Prairie Township Board of Trustees on October 24, 2007. The Board is strongly opposed to the rate increase proposed for the Darby Lake service area by Ohio American Water.

If you have any questions about the enclosed resolution or have any other questions about the Prairie Township Board of Trustees position on this issue, please me at 614-878-3317 (x114).

Thank you for your attention to the matter.

Sincerely,

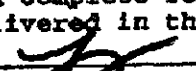
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RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 07

**A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE OHIO AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S
ANTICIPATED REQUEST FOR A RATE INCREASE
AT ITS LAKE DARBY ESTATES SERVICE AREA IS INAPPROPRIATE GIVEN ONGOING
PROBLEMS WITH WATER SOFTENING AT THAT FACILITY AND URGING THE PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO TO REJECT SAID RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Lake Darby Estates subdivision and the Westpoint subdivision constitute the Lake Darby service area for provision of water and wastewater service by Ohio American Water Company; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approved a rate increase for Ohio American Water's Lake Darby service area on March 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, both the Prairie Township Board of Trustees and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio heard numerous complaints concerning poor quality water and high rates before, during and after the hearing process that was part of the review of the March 2007 rate increase request; and

WHEREAS, while the Prairie Township Board of Trustees recognize right of Ohio American's investors to earn a return on money invested in the Lake Darby facilities, the Board also recognizes that the Public Utilities Commission expects Ohio American Water to achieve benchmarks concerning water softening in this service area as a condition of the March 2007 increase approval; and

WHEREAS, customer complaints about the low quality of the water persist, while there has been a lack of any evidence, as well as a lack of sufficient time, to assure a sustained improvement of the quality of water provided by Ohio American Water's Lake Darby facility; and

WHEREAS, Ohio American Water intends to request an additional combined water and wastewater rate increase of 34.98%, or an additional \$27.38, per month, before the end of October 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has designated this request as Case #07-1112-WS-AIR.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, upon introduction and Motion of Trustee Steve Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Nicole Schlosser, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Board"), that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is adopted:

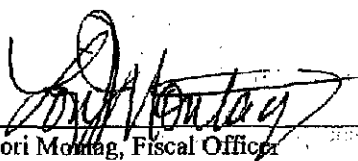
RESOLVED,

1. The Board finds that Ohio America Water has not been able to satisfy its customers in the Lake Darby service area that the quality of water provided through their utility has improved, nor has it had adequate time to substantiate any progress toward improved water quality.
2. The Board finds that Ohio American Water has no basis for claiming that any investments that may have been made to the Lake Darby facility will result in any improvement in service provided to area customers.
3. The Board urges the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to reject rate increase request being considered as Case #07-1112-WS-AIR.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

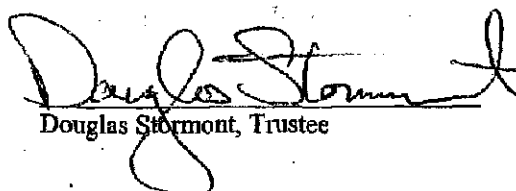
Adopted : October 24, 2007

ATTEST:


Lori Montag, Fiscal Officer


Stephen Kennedy, Chairman


Nicole Schlosser, Vice-Chairman


Douglas Stormont, Trustee