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Public Utility Commission of Ohio  
Attn: Docketing Division  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Case # 07-1112-WS-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

We are in receipt of the Ohio American Water letter dated October 12, 2007 stating a request for an additional increase in water rates for our Blendon residents. This would be the second rate increase this year for OAW. The Blendon Township Board of Trustees strongly objects to any more increases at the present time and with the current conditions of the water delivery system to our residents.

We objected in July of this year because the water was of inferior quality and the system needed to be much improved to bring it to an acceptable level. This is still a work in progress. Only when this job is completed to the residents' satisfaction should any rate increases be applied for.

We realize that Ohio American Water is a private utility, and as such is entitled to a fair and reasonable profit. However, it is unfair for the large corporation to place on the consumer the financial responsibility for making the water system capable of delivering a consistent, acceptable quality of water. The consumer should be entitled to quality water without the burden of the expense of past corporation mistakes. Merely bringing the infrastructure to an acceptable level should be part of the corporate investment in this system, not a burden of the consumers. Ohio American Water was fully aware of the condition of the delivery system and the necessary improvements when they bought the water company.

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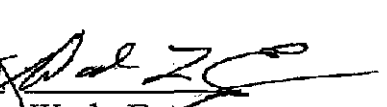
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It is unconscionable for the PUCO to grant an increase merely to increase the sale value of Ohio American Water. They have already had one rate increase this year. They have not completed the improvements to the system to deliver consistent, acceptable water. The price of drinkable water is already an inflated cost compared to other townships.

The Blendon Township Board of Trustees requests that the Public Utility Commission deny such an excessive increase in rate.

THE BLENDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

			
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