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I am writing regarding the proposed 30% increase of The Ohio American Water Company to be imposed, if passed, on the residents of Blendon Township. My wife and I have lived in the Huber Ridge area since 1971.

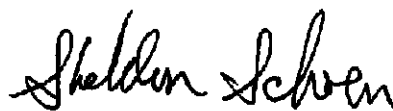
It has been a continuing battle with the water companies ad infinitum as they have continued to ask and get increases from the PUCO. For many years, it was Ohio Utilities and now it is Ohio American. My wife and I are retired and with just the two of us, our yearly cost for water amounts to nearly \$1,000.00. We pay considerably less for electricity and our monthly budget for gas is only \$105.00.

It is incomprehensible why a water company with no ties to our community as I understand it is owned by a German company, should continue to receive such large increases with a product that is in many cases is inferior.

Huber Ridge is a predominantly blue collar neighborhood. With the rising cost of food and fuel, it makes no sense for this company to enhance their bottom line at the expense of its customers. These people, for the most part, are just struggling to survive.

PUCO, I strongly urge you to say NO to further increases without good cause.

Thank You,



Sheldon Schoen

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