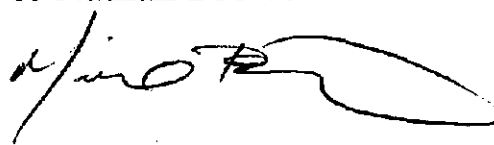


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January 11, 2008

Dear PUCO/ Honorable Ted Strickland,
Our household is writing this letter of opposition in regards to the attempt to increase our water rates for the second time in a year. OAWC (Ohio American Water Co.) is proposing an increase of almost 32%, Case # 07-1112-WS-AIR. I have a few reservations about this attempt and frankly am stunned that the OWAC could by law even attempt this increase (last increase less than 1 year). We as consumers are being legally robbed by this company. Our family of 5 WATER bill is between \$150-200+ a month already! This amount is already obscenely absurd. How can they justify that amount? Let alone an increase? If this increase takes affect we will be forced to sell our home and find a community more affordable to live in. I have a hard time understanding how my water bill costs more than my electric bill and almost gas bill??? Why is the water more expensive here than for example Columbus? Doesn't water come from the sky for free? I understand there are some other factors for pricing in different service areas, but the difference in pricing for the other water companies is extraordinary. As consumers and I speak for everyone, we ask you PLEASE step up and put a stop to this Unjustified attempt to swindle more of the little bit of income we have left!!!!

Thank You in Advance,
Mike & Kim, Brittany, Brandy
& Nathan Brewer



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