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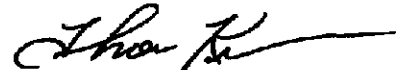
Subject: Ohio American Water Co. Case 07-1112-WS-AIR

Please be advised that the subject 31.86% rate increase requested by Ohio American Water Company is excessive and unfair to those of us who are customers living in the Huber Ridge area of Blendon Township. Our present water and sewer rates are excessive, and the well water being supplied has been of very poor quality during the past 31 years I have lived in this area. There have been many past issues in our water discolorations and poor quality water quality including our residents approving a reverse osmosis water treatment plant that increased our water rates to the present excessive costs.

I am a retired senior citizen and I am finding it difficult to meet the present costs of utilities, taxes and gasoline on my retirement fixed income. It is becoming increasingly difficult to live in Ohio where my retirement income is taxed by the state and the harsh winters require excessive heating costs!

If this rate hike is approved, it will raise my monthly water costs to the same level as my present monthly budget costs for my Natural Gas heating costs, and that just isn't acceptable and it's not affordable for me being a single family of one retired person.

Sincerely,



Thomas Kreachbaum
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cc: Honorable Ted Strickland
Governor of Ohio

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