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January 3, 2008

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State of Ohio

Ohio American Water Co. Rates

Case No. 07112-WS-AIR

Re: Proposed rate increase

Committee Chairmen and Members:

I understand that Ohio American Water Co. has approximately 52,000 water users in the state of Ohio and are associated in 17 other states.

I have lived in Imperial Estates in Mifflin Township, Mansfield, Ohio since 1967. There are approximately 300 homes in this allotment that the water company serves. Before American Water purchased this system from H. Robert Gimbel, my partner, Charles Parton, and I paid to put in a 130,000 gallon storage system adjoining the original existing wells on Biscayne Drive. The reason this was done was because Mr. Parton and I purchased 38 undeveloped lots from Mr. Gimble in Imperial Estates and we needed access to the water system. I sold the first house in 1962.

I can say that Ohio American Water has maintained the water system in working order.

I own and operate my own realty business at 737 Park Avenue West in Mansfield. I also have an upstairs apartment rented out. My total water/sewer bill for my business and apartment runs approximately \$30/month. Service is provided by the City of Mansfield.

At my personal residence I have a Richland County meter. Since 2006 the allotment has had 2 increases by Ohio American Water: 4/7/06 - \$63.39 bi-monthly and 6/6/07 - \$70.77 bi-monthly. A third increase is being proposed before the PUCO at present. The taxpayers in this allotment are asking you to please take a close look at the income/expenses of the Ohio American Water Co. I personally do not feel the Company is charging a fair and justified rate.

The homeowners in Imperial Estate use water meters on our lines coming onto our property by the Richland County Wastewater Department to read our monthly sewer bill. My question to you is, why can't Ohio American Water use the same equipment which is controlled by drive-by scanning or provide us with a rate reduction to \$60 bi-monthly?

I am enclosing a list of concerned property owners that are served by Ohio American

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Water. Co. We all want a better and fair monthly fee for the water used.

On behalf of these taxpayers I ask that you hear our position and take a close look into the financials of this company and determine whether an additional rate increase is warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mervin R. Shaffner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mervin" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Shaffner".

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American Water Co.
Case Number 071112 WSAIR
Re: Increase in Rates

MIFFLIN/MADISON TWP - RICHLAND COUNTY, MANSFIELD, OHIO

SINCE AMERICAN WATER CO HAS TAKEN OVER OUR WATER SYSTEM WE HAVE
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SINCE APRIL OF 2006 THERE HAVE BEEN TWO ADDITIONAL INCREASES
IMPOSED WITH A THIRD INCREASE WAITING ON APPROVAL FROM
THE PUCO. WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, OPPOSE ANY FURTHER INCREASES
IN OUR RATES AT THIS TIME.

DATE NAME ADDRESS

12-8-07	A Jewell Hughes	2560 Wedgewood Dr
12-8-07	Robert E Hughes	2560 Wedgewood Dr
12-12-07	Robert E Hughes	2550 Wedgewood Dr.
12-12-07	Thany Jane Saylor	2550 Wedgewood Dr.
12/14/07	William J. Kiley	2549 Wedgewood Dr.
12-14-07	James Kiley	652 SATINWOOD Circle
12-21-07	James Kiley	784 Sheldene dr.
1-01-2008	Lanise M Steggall	2531 Bryonaire DR.
1-01-2008	Donna L Brum	2531 Bryonaire Dr.
1-1-08	Stephanie Brum	2535 Bryonaire Dr

All are Mansfield, Ohio 44903

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12/7/07 Shirley J. Johnson 2530 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield OH 44903
12/7/07 Lay M. Leodock 2520 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield OH 44903
12/7/07 Amanda Pruitt 2539 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield OH 44903
7 Dec 07 John Paul Pruitt 2539 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield Ohio 44903
12/12/07 Melvin C. Hobson 2530 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield, OH 44903
12-13-07 Wendy K. Hammer 2529 WEDGEWOOD Mansfield 44903
12-13-07 John W. Hammer 2529 WEDGEWOOD Mansfield 44903
12-13-07 Karen Winger 2521 Wedgewood Mans O. 44903
12/13/07 Julie M. Clark 2444 Wedgewood Drive Mansfield, O 44903
12/13/07 Mary Ann 2513 Wedgewood Dr Mansfield OH 44903
12/13/07 Zed M. W. 2502 Wedgewood Mansfield OH 44903
12-13-07 Ransom Ransom 2472 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield 44903
12-13-07 Margaret Ransom 2472 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield, OH 44903
12-13-07 Marilyn Whenton 2512 Wedgewood Dr. Mansfield, OH 44903
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