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cc Gov. Ted Strickland

January 25, 2008

PUCO
Attention: Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Case No. 07-1112-WS-AIR

Dear PUCO:

I have lived in the Huber Ridge are of Blendon Township for the past 20 years.

I am writing to you to make my opposition known for the outrageous increase Ohio American Water Company has petition you TO approve. .31.86%!

Our small community was "sold a bill of goods" by the previous water company when it proposed that 'reverse osmosis' would keep our future bills from rising and guarantee us safe water supply.

I now spend about \$110.00 on water filters so that I can make drinkable coffee and lemonade; I also purchase bottled water to drink, carrying home heavy amounts of plastic bottles that also affect the landfill. Filters are also needed for my washing machine; these go from 'snowy white' to brown in 4 weeks...and after hydrant flushing need to be changed immediately...more expense!! We are only two adults living here (now). I do not know how a 'normal' family of four can afford the showers, laundry and lawn water supply.

We are not a rich man's community...about 38% of us are greying and will be ^{on} social security in 5-8 years time. If you do not put a stop to this now --the future families who settle here will not find our lovely tree-filled community one they will want to invest in.

I feel that Ohio American Water Co. should spread whatever necessary cost of improvement (they need) among more customers than our 51,000....we don't deserve to be captives of unfair prices!

Cordially,

Karin Gil Baeder

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