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RE: Case # 07-1112-WS-AIR.

To Whom it May Concern,

This is in regards to the rate increase that Ohio American Water wants to put in effect.

I feel this increase is unfair to the consumer. Since they've started their cleaner water process it seems the water is of harder quality even with filters in my home.

We the consumers should not have to foot the bill for their employees health benefits. The rest of us who work for a living are responsible for paying for our own health care and should not have to pay for complete strangers health care, they need to be responsible for their own costs the same as the rest of us.

We also should not have to pay for sewer rates in the same amount as the water we use. Not all of the water we use ends up back in the sewers. We use it for drinking, cooking, watering plants, fish tanks, decorative fountains, swimming pools, humidifiers, pets and various other things that means the water does not end up going down the drains into the sewers. We should only have to pay for no more than half of our water consumption amounts for the sewer rates.

I don't see where it can be justified for such a huge increase when they haven't done anything to show a need for an increase. When they first bought out the company

that serviced the Huber Ridge area they promised that after an increase they put in place right away to cover cleaning up the water that they would lower the prices. I've never seen that decrease only increases and them continually wanting to get even higher increases every year.

Raising our rates for a product that is created by the earth not man seems highly unjustified and unnecessary. We the consumer are already being hit with higher prices for fresh food + other products so its hard for the average person to make a living when all of our money goes for bills just to stay alive. We should not have to pay more for a luxury that in the old days we would all build wells and pumps for ourselves.

I do not feel Ohio American Water has done anything to justify another rate increase for the consumer.

We should not have to be the ones to pay for their health coverage, office supplies + other things they feel they need the money from the consumer for. If we have to pay for health care and running their office then we should either all be employees of the company or be running the company as a community instead of allowing a money hungry company to run it for us.

Please stop the outrageous increases that Ohio American Water feels they should be able to charge the consumer for a precious life like we all need and nature provides for our use.

Cordially,

A concerned resident from
Huber Ridge, Blendon
Township Ohio

Please help us
stop this outrage
for a necessary
product for every
day life.

Thank You.