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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Administration/Docketing 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, Oh 43215-3793

Re: Case # 07-1112-WS-AIR
Ohio American Water Company

February 21, 2008 System out of salt:

The high reading on Feb 21 was due to the system running out of salt. This was blamed on operator error. OAW did an investigation on how this happen. The investigation showed the plant operator broke procedures at least twice during this event. Once on Monday 2/18/2008 when a visual inspection was preformed to check the brine level and the operator didn't record the level. And on Feb 21 at 7:30 am when the operator did the hardness test and the reading was over 150 and he didn't immediately notified the Network Operation Superintendent. The Superintendent wasn't notified until after a third party tester inquired about a hardness reading of 256 mg/l taken at 3:05 PM on Feb 21. If these operators didn't care about breaking procedures at least twice during this episode how many times have procedures not been followed when no one was checking for compliance?

The stipulations that require the company operators to self test themselves is flawed and needs changed. Ohio American has had a full year since the last rate increase to start providing consistent and reliable softened water to the Lake Darby residents. It is still obvious that Ohio American needs more time to figure out how to accomplish this. This rate case should be denied until our residents start getting what was promised them in the last rate case. Consistent, Reliable softened water at a reasonable price.

Sincerely,

Steve Kennedy

Prairie Township Trustee

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Ms. Reneé Jenkins Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Administration/Docketing 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re:

Case No. 07-252-WS-UNC, Ohio American Water Company Stipulation Page No. 16, ¶13 E

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

In Case No. 06-433-WS-AIR the March 7, 2007 Opinion and Order approved the Stipulation and Recommendation filed January 10, 2007. Ohio American Water Company ("Ohio American") agreed in paragraph 13 E on page 16 of the Stipulation that at least 95% of the reported daily average test results for finished water softness in the Lake Darby system would meet the range of 120 mg/L to 150 mg/L.

Due to an operator error during parts of two days, February 21, 2008 and February 22, 2008, the softness standard may not have been met. Ohio American's testing at the usual sample time of approximately 7:30 a.m., however, does show compliance for February 22, 2008. Ohio American has technically achieved 95% adherence to the Stipulation hardness range for the month of February 2008. However, taking into consideration (1) the operator error as the causation, (2) the magnitude of the hardness levels exceeding 150 ms/L and (3) the fact that the above-standard hardness levels spanned parts of two days, Ohio American realizes that one could argue that the spirit of the Stipulation was not met.

Ohio American agreed in paragraph 13 E that if it did not meet the specified range for a given month, it would provide an aggregate credit of \$1,000 to the Lake Darby customers. For the three reasons listed above, Ohio American has determined that it will initiate the credit process for the Lake Darby customers. The credits will appear on the bills of the Lake Darby customers as soon as the Central Billing department can complete the credit processing. It is expected that, by no later than the end of April 2008, all the credits will have been shown on the customers' bills.

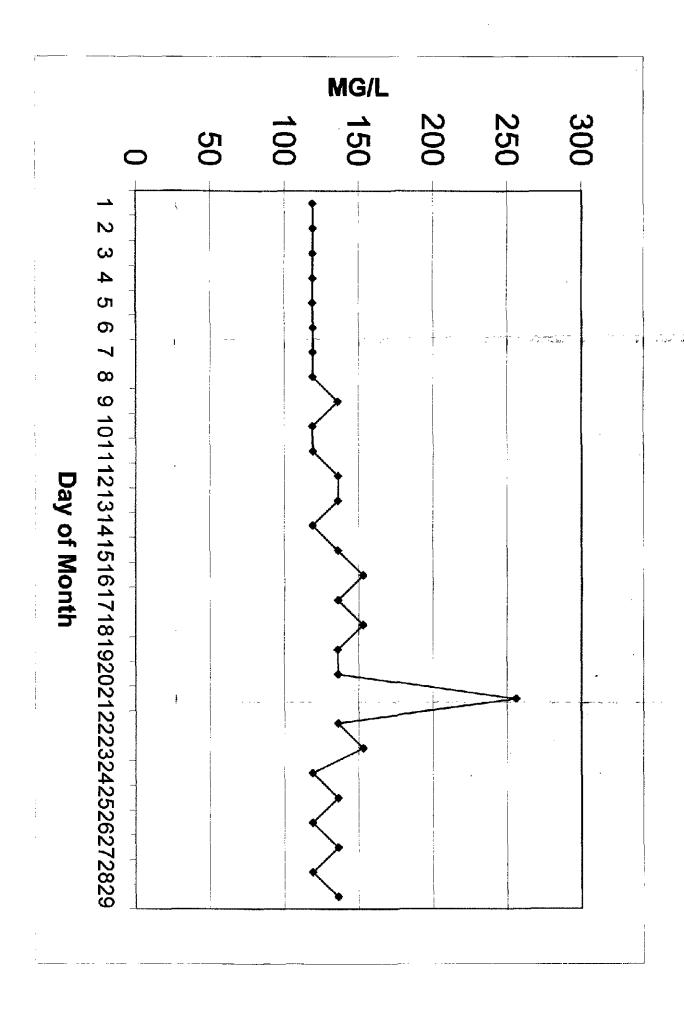
If there are any questions, please call me at the number listed above.

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Conductivity mg/i Day Hardness February-08 Date Reading Time Temp Drops Friday 689 66.7 9:41pm 119 Saturday 2 742 64.5 7 1:01pm 119 3 756 7 119 Sunday 68.4 8:53pm Monday 4 711 70.1 7 12:05pm 119 7 5 119 Tuesday 713 71.6 3:01pm 6 Wednesday 728 67.8 7 9:16pm 119 7 Thursday 696 66.3 7 3:10pm 119 7 8 Friday 683 63.5 1:23pm 119 9 Saturday 696 68 8 9:26pm 136 10 Sunday 666 7 119 58.4 7:18pm Monday 7:48am 11 866 51.9 7 119 12 8 Tuesday 752 68.3 136 9:03pm 13 Wednesday 704 66.3 8 2:15pm 136 Thursday 14 719 64.9 7 9:33am 119 15 Friday 659 63.5 8 10:44pm 136 Saturday 16 740 68 9 12:52pm 153 17 705 136 Sunday 68.7 8 7:03pm 18 Monday 680 64.1 9 9:52pm 153 682 19 Tuesday 60.2 8 12:49pm 136 20 Wednesday 709 66.3 8 136 2:01pm 21 Thursday 655 60.6 15 3:05pm 256 22 8 Friday 684 66.7 2:15pm 136 23 Saturday 725 67.6 9 11:33am 153 Sunday 7 24 725 72.3 5:05pm 119 25 8 Monday 694 65.3 1:45pm 136 26 Tuesday 659 64 7 119 12:15pm 27 Wednesday 683 8 2:05pm 136 63.3 28 Thursday 736 68 7 1:57pm 119 29 Friday 705 64.7 8 2:10pm 136 30 31



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Page: Date: 02/29/08

STEVE'S COUNTRY DRIVE THRU STEVE KENNEDY 6611 WEST BROAD STREET

GALLOWAY OH 43119

Client No: 0000005847 AR Sheet No: 0023788-AR Chemical Certification 4039 Bacterial Certification 877 PWS ID No: 2502612

STU ID No:

Public

PO No: 022108

County: FRANKLIN

Chlorinated: Repeat No: C12 Total:

Cl2 Combined:

C12 Free:

Dear Client:

Along with your results listed below we would like to thank you for allowing MASI to assist you with your environmental testing requirements.

Account Name: STEVE'S COUNTRY DRIVE THRU

Sampler Name: STEVE KENNEDY

Sample Date: 02/21/08
Sample Time: 15:03
Sample Type: POTABLE Sample Monitoring Point: Sample Tap: SEE BELOW

Sample Class:

Sample Address: KITCHEN SINK 451 HUBBARD RD GALLOWAY OH 43119

Sample ID: FIREHOUSE

Lab Method Analyst Datë Number Number Analyzed Test Requested Test Result

Hardness, total 311 mg/l

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