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ATTN: Docketing Division 180 East Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case Number 07-1112-WS-Air

Ohio 43215

Dear PUCO Members:

I am a Huber Ridge, Westerville Ohio, resident which is in an area served by Ohio American Water Company. I understand that Ohio American Water filed an application with PUCO for a large increase in rates.

While a small increase may be in order, I think an increase of 31% is uncalled for. My water and sewer bill for March of 2008 was \$43.50, Feb of 08 was \$54.06, and in January of 2008 it was \$54.06. I am a 66 year old widow, I don't have a large family and therefore my water usage is not one of the largest. I cannot imagine what a large family's bill would be. I think a slight increase may be called for, but the cost of living increases for a person on Social Security is approximately only 2-4% a year.

I and so many of my neighbors would appreciate anything you can do to keep the cost of water affordable.

Thank you,

Mary Agin Mutchler
3492 Rangoon Drive
Westerville, Ohio 43081

CF:

Honorable Ted Strickland

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