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To whom it may concern,

Re: case# 07-1112-WS-AIR

I strongly urge you to deny Ohio American Water's proposed water rate increase. The proposed increase comes a mere 6 months after passing a 10% increase last year!

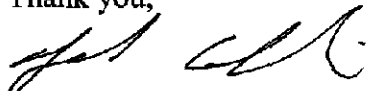
Ohio American Water is again asking to increase the cost of water with no corresponding increase in service or quality even after their 10% increase last year. And they are asking for an additional 31% after only 6 months!

At a time when families are being financially pressured from all directions (fuel costs, food costs, housing foreclosures, unemployment), water rate increases to ensure the profitability of the water company at the cost of their customers is a slap in the face.

If you look at surrounding areas, our water rate is well above the norm. My bill is always more than \$80/month and that is just for my wife and myself. I do not wash my cars at home and I do not water my lawn. It costs me \$80/month just for showers, laundry and dishes. When we lived in Columbus proper, with the same washer and dryer, our water/sewer bill was only \$25/month on average. OAW's rates are 3 times higher with no improvement in water quality or customer service.

Their proposed increase rate of 31% would cause financial hardship for not only myself but for all residents in the affected areas. Again, please deny the proposed water rate increase.

Thank you,


Alfred Conklin

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