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RE: Case # 07-1112-WS-AIR

Dear Commission Members,

We are writing to urge you to vote against the rate increase proposed by Ohio American Water.

Our neighborhood currently pays some of the highest water rates in the area. Last year we also opposed Case # 06-0433-WS-AIR which was eventually approved - although at a lower increased rate than Ohio American Water had originally requested. Prior to that increase our average water bill was about \$75. Currently our average water bill is about \$82 per month and our average water usage is 800 cubic feet. Last summer our bill reached as high as \$109 for one month's usage due to the fact we were watering our garden. If the proposed increase takes effect our bills could reach as high as \$140 during the summer.

Prior to living in an area serviced by Ohio American Water, we lived in an area serviced by Del-Co Water. While living there our water bill averaged \$30-\$35 a month. We were shocked by the rates charged by Ohio American Water once we moved to Blendon Township.

Please deny the rate increase requested by Ohio American Water. They were granted an adequate increase last year and it is not appropriate for them to turn around and request an even larger increase now. They should be forced to live within their current budget restraints in the same way that we must live within our budget.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jason & Corri Page
5676 Montevideo Rd.
Westerville, Ohio 43081
Ohio American Water customers (not by choice)

cc: Governor Ted Strickland

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: Case # 07-1112-WS-AIR
180 E. Broad St, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

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Dear PUCO,

This letter is in response to Ohio American Water's proposed rate increase related to the Westpoint Subdivision included in the Lake Darby service area. Please docket this letter in the case file.

I am in agreement with the OCC's concern that Ohio American Water is seeking to increase rates again. The current rates are of great concern to most homeowners in the area for a number of reasons, including but not limited to; resale ability, marketability, and value of our homes. The current rates are far above the central Ohio average and cause homeowners undue economic hardship for no apparent reason and for what some would consider pitiful service. To request an additional increase after receiving an unacceptable increase a little more than one year ago is beyond comprehension. If Ohio American Water did not possess a 'monopoly' on homeowner's choice for water and sewer service I doubt that they would have any customers left at this time. It is unacceptable to permit this company to hold these citizens hostage any longer.

In this taxpayer/citizen's opinion the rate increase should not be allowed, and furthermore there should be a freeze on rate increases for all of Ohio American Water service areas. Homeowners in these areas feel trapped and at the mercy of a company that charges unreasonable rates when most other private or city municipal water and sewer rates are much more sensible for much better service.

Thank you for considering this opinion,

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