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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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In the Matter of the Application of Aqua)
Ohio, Inc. To Amend the Struthers Water)
Division's Certificate of Public)
Necessity to Expand the Territory to)
Which the Struthers Water Division)
Provides Water Service)

Case No. 08-768 -WW-AAC

TESTIMONY OF

ALBERT J. SAULINE

**ON BEHALF OF
AQUA OHIO, INC.
STRUTHERS DIVISION**

1 **Q. Mr. Sauline, would you please state your name and business address?**

2 A. Albert J. Sauline, 235 State Street, Struthers, Ohio 44471.

3 **Q. Mr. Sauline, by whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

4 A. I am employed by Aqua Ohio, Inc. as Division Manager/Vice President of
5 Government Relations.

6 **Q. Will you please briefly outline your educational, professional and business**
7 **experience?**

8 A. Education:

9 1972 graduate of Youngstown State University- Bachelor of Arts in Political
10 Science.

11 1980 graduate of Youngstown State University- Master's of Science Degree in
12 Education, Guidance and Counseling.

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1 Professional & Business Experience:

2 1996-present- Aqua Ohio Inc.- Vice President of Government Relations/Division

3 Manager

4 1988-1996- City of Hubbard, Ohio- Mayor

5 1974-1988- Trumbull County Juvenile Court

6 1967- 1974- City of Hubbard, Ohio- Utility Employee

7 **Q. Have you previously testified before any regulatory agencies?**

8 A. Yes.

9 **Q. Having worked in the private water supply business and in Northeast Ohio**

10 **with Aqua Ohio for an accumulated period of twelve (12) years, do you feel**

11 **that you have expertise in operating a water service company and delivering**

12 **water service to homes and businesses?**

13 A. Yes, I do.

14 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

15 A. Aqua Ohio has filed the instant application to seek approval from the Commission

16 to amend Struthers' Certificate of Public Necessity to include two additional

17 territories to which Struthers would be authorized to provide water service. My

18 testimony is in support of Aqua Ohio's Application.

19 **Q. Can you please describe the two territories set forth in Aqua's Application?**

20 A. Both of the territories are in Mahoning County, Ohio. One territory is located in

21 Springfield Township. A second territory is located in Beaver Township. The

22 accurate legal description of each territory is set forth in Aqua Ohio's

23 Application.

1 **Q. To your knowledge, is there a present and continuing need by the public for**
2 **water service in both of the territories set forth in Aqua's Application?**

3 A. Yes as to both of the territories set forth in Aqua's Application.

4 **Q. What is the factual basis for your conclusion that there is a present and**
5 **continuing need by the public for water service in the Springfield Township**
6 **Territory?**

7 A. Aqua Ohio was contacted by the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineer, the
8 Mahoning County Commissioners and the Springfield Township Trustees to
9 provide water service to the Springfield Township Territory. The reason for the
10 request was that private residential wells were contaminated.

11 **Q. Please describe how Aqua Ohio intends to provide water service to the**
12 **Springfield Township Territory economically and efficiently?**

13 A. Aqua Ohio currently serves approximately 75% of Springfield Township. The
14 new service territory merely requires a water main extension. The total cost of
15 the project is \$1.5 million, of which Aqua Ohio will contribute \$390,000 of the
16 total.

17 **Q. What is the projected time frame for providing water service to the**
18 **Springfield Township Territory?**

19 A. Aqua Ohio currently intends to initiate water service to this new territory by
20 November of 2008.

21 **Q. Please describe the terms and conditions upon which Aqua Ohio will provide**
22 **water service to the customers in the Springfield Township Territory?**

1 A. Aqua Ohio will apply all applicable provisions of its current Struthers tariff to
2 service in this expanded territory.

3 **Q. What is the factual basis for your conclusion that there is a present and**
4 **continuing need by the public for water service in the Beaver Township**
5 **Territory?**

6 A. Aqua Ohio currently serves a development that is contiguous to the requested
7 territory. The developer is requesting water service to his expended development
8 which is incorporated into the proposed service territory.

9 **Q. Please describe how Aqua Ohio intends to provide water service to the**
10 **Beaver Township Territory economically and efficiently?**

11 A. Since Aqua Ohio is currently serving the existing contiguous development, the
12 request to extend service will require only a main extension.

13 **Q. What is the projected time frame for providing water service to the Beaver**
14 **Township Territory?**

15 A. Aqua Ohio currently anticipates serving this territory by spring of 2009. The
16 developer will pay the full cost of this project.

17 **Q. Please describe the terms and conditions upon which Aqua Ohio will provide**
18 **water service to the customers in the Beaver Township Territory?**

19 A. Aqua Ohio will apply all applicable provisions of its current Struthers tariff to
20 service in this expanded territory.

21 **Q. Thank you, Mr. Sauline. Does this conclude your testimony?**

22 A. Yes, it does.

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