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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are, once again, bringing your attention to a frustrating and unfair rate increase granted to Ohio American Water by your PUCO (Case # 07-1112-WS-AIR).

	<u>OAW Applied</u>	<u>PUCO to Approve</u>
Water	26.81%	30.37%
Sewer	36.81%	36.94%

In today's severe economic climate we were very disappointed that the PUCO would grant such a large increase piggybacked so soon on the last rate increase. We were shocked, however, to learn that your PUCO recommended this for-profit company be granted increases *above what the company requested!* To grant an excess rate increase that the company did not even request, did not even feel it had to have, is totally wrong. We thought the PUCO was the **PUBLIC** Utilities Commission and was watching to balance the needs of the public and the utilities. It now appears that we were wrong.

Can you please explain to us why these actions were taken? Why were our citizens abused in this fashion? Why were the corporate needs (and more) so blatantly put in front of the economic needs of the citizens and taxpayers of Ohio?

This is just outrageous! Can anything be done to prevent our community from facing this unnecessary economic hardship?

Sincerely,

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