

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)
American Water Company to Increase Its) Case No. 11-4161-WS-AIR
Rates for Water and Sewer Service.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On August 1, 2011, Ohio American Water Company (Ohio American) filed an application pursuant to Section 4909.18, Revised Code, to increase its rates for water and sewer services throughout the company's entire service area.
- (2) Pursuant to Section 4909.19, Revised Code, the staff of the Commission conducted an investigation of the facts, exhibits, and matters relating to the company's application, and filed its report on January 31, 2012. Copies of the staff report were mailed to the company, mayors of municipal corporations affected by the application, and other persons the Commission deemed to be interested in the case.
- (3) Pursuant to Section 4909.19, Revised Code, and Rule 4901-1-28(B), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), all objections to the staff report must be filed within 30 days after the filing of such report, and all objections must be specific. Any objection that is not specific enough to convey what is actually being placed at issue will be struck pursuant to the above-cited rule. Each party filing objections shall also file a brief summary of the issues it designates as major issues, in order of their importance, for purposes of the notice required by Section 4903.083, Revised Code.
- (4) Direct expert testimony should be filed by March 1, 2012, in accordance with Rule 4901-1-29, O.A.C.
- (5) Motions to intervene and strike objections shall be filed by March 12, 2012, and memoranda contra motions to intervene or to strike objections shall be filed by March 19, 2012. Unless an objection is struck or withdrawn, each objection must be discussed in the initial post-hearing brief of the objecting party. If an objection is not discussed in the initial brief, the objection will, without further action, be deemed withdrawn.

- (6) A prehearing conference will be held on March 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Room 11-A, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss procedural aspects of the case and to provide an opportunity for the parties to conduct settlement discussions.
- (7) The evidentiary hearing will begin on March 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 11-A, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. A subsequent entry will address the scheduling of the local public hearings and publication of notice of the hearings.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That all objections to the staff report and summary of the issues be filed by March 1, 2012. It is, further,

ORDERED, That all direct expert testimony be filed by March 1, 2012. It is, further,

ORDERED, That motions to intervene and strike objections to the staff report be filed by March 12, 2012; and memoranda contra be filed by March 19, 2012. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled in accordance with finding 6. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing will begin on March 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-A. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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