

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) By entry issued February 1, 2012, the attorney examiner established a procedural schedule for this case which, *inter alia*, scheduled the hearing in this matter to commence on March 26, 2012. At the March 26, 2012, hearing, the parties agreed to recess the hearing and reconvene on May 1, 2012. The hearing reconvened as scheduled on May 1, 2012. At the May 1, 2012, hearing, the parties agreed that the hearing would recess and reconvene on May 7, 2012. Further, the attorney examiner directed that, if the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such stipulation with the Commission, by noon on May 4, 2012.
- (3) On May 4, 2012, Aqua Ohio Water Company, Inc. (Aqua), formerly known as Ohio American,<sup>1</sup> filed a motion to extend the procedural schedule. In support of its request, Aqua explains that the parties have reached a settlement of this case, in principle, and have worked extensively to finalize the settlement of this matter prior to the May 4, 2012, deadline. However, the parties need additional

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<sup>1</sup> By finding and order issued on February 14, 2012, the Commission approved the purchase of 100 percent of Ohio American's outstanding capital stock by Aqua. Ownership of all of the assets held by Ohio American remained under the control of Ohio American and Ohio American continued to provide service until such time as the closing date of the stock purchase was executed. On April 27, 2012, Aqua and Ohio American notified the Commission that the closing date on the stock purchase was May 1, 2012. See *In the Matter of the Joint Application of American Water Works Company, Inc., Ohio American Water Company, and Aqua Ohio Inc. for Approval of the Purchase of Common Stock of Ohio American Water Company by Aqua Ohio Inc.*, Case Nos. 11-5102-WS-ATR, et al. By entry issued March 28, 2012, the Commission approved the name change from Ohio American to Aqua upon completion of the stock purchase. See *In the Matter of the Application of Aqua Ohio Inc. for Authority to Change the Name of Ohio American Water Company to Aqua Ohio Water Company*, Case Nos. 12-720-WS-ACN, et al.

time to finalize certain rate schedules to be attached to the stipulation. Accordingly, Aqua requests an extension such that any stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case will be due by noon on May 8, 2012, and the hearing will reconvene on May 9, 2012. Although Aqua does not request expedited treatment of its motion, it avers that the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and Staff do not oppose its motion.

- (4) The attorney examiner finds that Aqua's motion is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the parties should observe the following procedural schedule:
  - (a) If the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, such stipulation should be filed by noon, on May 8, 2012.
  - (b) The evidentiary hearing will reconvene on May 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

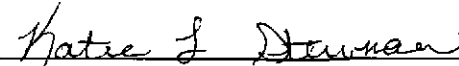
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Aqua's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the parties should observe the procedural schedule set forth in finding (4). 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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