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COLUMBIA PARK WATER & SEWER SYSTEM

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February 2, 2015

Ms. Susan Daly
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

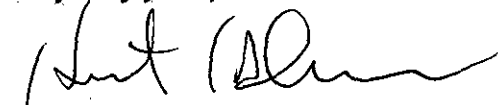
Re: Columbia Park Water and Sewer System

Dear Ms. Daly:

I respectfully request a purchase water adjustment in our rates based upon the rates charged to us by the City of Cleveland. I am enclosing for your reference recent correspondence from the City of Cleveland confirming these rates, which are higher than those presently used in our billing cost. I am also enclosing various exhibits and documentation which you had requested in our previous requests of a water rate increase, and a copy of our proposed notification to our customers (dates will be changed accordingly upon approval).

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me directly at 585-586-2828.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth C. Burnham
Member

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EXHIBIT A

Water Rate Schedule from

The City of Cleveland

Obtained from:

<http://www.clevelandwater.com/customer-service/water-rates/rates-fees>

****Reference: page # 3 of 5 which indicates change consumption rates from 2013 to 2015.**

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Rates & Fees

Cleveland Water's rates allow us to make the necessary improvements (</sites/default/files/CWD-funding-sched-2013-CIP.pdf>) to guarantee a reliable supply of safe, great-tasting water (</your-water>). Cleveland Water's rates support critical investments throughout our service area. These improvements include modernizing our water treatment plants and funding major capital improvement projects, which preserve and sustain our buried infrastructure.

Our rates have two components:

1. Quarterly fixed-cost recovery charge

This charge is based on the size of the water meter at your home or business. Most residential customers will have a meter between 5/8th's of an inch and 1 inch.

Meter Size	2013	2014	2015
5/8" to 1"	\$21	\$24	\$27
1 1/2" to 2"	\$41	\$47	\$53
3" to 4"	\$140	\$160	\$180
6"	\$250	\$290	\$320
8"	\$380	\$430	\$480
10"	\$480	\$540	\$610
12"	\$570	\$650	\$730

2. Consumption Charge

This charge is based on the amount of water you use. The rate for usage is determined by the distance and elevation of your home and business from Lake Erie.

1 MCF = 7,480 Gallons of Water

Determine Your Water Rate Zone (service-area)

Consumption
Charges (per MCF)

2013

2014

2015

City of Cleveland

0.0 - 0.6 MCF

\$15.51

\$17.34

\$19.26

Consumption Charges (per MCF)	2013	2014	2015
Additional MCF	\$29.48	\$31.22	\$32.74
Low / 1st High			
0.0 - 0.6 MCF	\$22.11	\$23.63	\$25.04
Additional MCF	\$42.01	\$42.53	\$42.56
2nd High			
0.0 - 0.6 MCF	\$26.38	\$28.62	\$30.82
Additional MCF	\$50.11	\$51.51	\$52.39
3rd High			
0.0 - 0.6 MCF	\$30.33	\$33.00	\$35.63
Additional MCF	\$57.63	\$59.39	\$60.57

Discount Programs

Cleveland Water offers two discount programs to assist low-income residents with water charges.

1. The Homestead Program offers a lower fixed charge and consumption rate. For more details on the Homestead Program and eligibility requirements, [click here \(/customer-service/water-rates/discount-programs\)](http://www.clevelandwater.com/customer-service/water-rates/discount-programs).

Homestead Fixed Charge	2013	2014	2015
All Meter Sizes	\$14.00	\$15.50	\$17.00
Homestead Consumption Charges (per MCF)	2013	2014	2015
City of Cleveland			
All MCF	\$8.53	\$10.41	\$12.52
Low / 1st High			

Homestead Consumption Charges (per MCF)	2013	2014	2015
All MCF	\$12.16	\$14.18	\$16.27
	2nd High		
All MCF	\$14.51	\$17.17	\$20.03
	3rd High		
All MCF	\$16.68	\$19.80	\$23.16

2. The Affordability Program offers a 40% discount on all standard water charges. For more details on the Affordability Program and eligibility requirements, [click here \(/customer-service/water-rates/discount-programs\)](/customer-service/water-rates/discount-programs).

Cleveland Water charges various rates and fees for services. For a complete list of other rates and fees, [click here. \(http://www.clevelandwater.com/sites/default/files/2015%20Permits%20and%20Sales%20Fees.pdf\)](http://www.clevelandwater.com/sites/default/files/2015%20Permits%20and%20Sales%20Fees.pdf)

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EXHIBIT B

Calculation of Adjusted Purchased Water Rates Based on New City of Cleveland Rates

Exhibit B

Calculation of adjusted purchased water rates based on the New City of Cleveland rates

<u>Usage Bracket</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>		<u>NEW RATE</u>	
(Mcf/mo.)	Base Rate	Purchased Water Rate	Base Rate	Purchased Water Rate
Per mcf.	\$9.04	\$41.67	\$9.04	\$42.56
	<u>Total Water Rate</u>		<u>Total Water Rate</u>	
Per mcf.	\$50.71		\$51.60	

Below is a typical bill comparison showing the impact of the increase from the City of Cleveland.

	<u>Quarterly Usage (mcf)</u>	<u>Current Billing</u>	<u>New Billing</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>Increase Per Quarter</u>
Average	1.048	\$53.14	\$54.07	1.75%	\$0.93
Low	0.500	\$25.35	\$25.80	1.75%	\$0.45
High	2.000	\$101.42	\$103.20	1.75%	\$1.78

EXHIBIT C

Copy of Current Tariff Rate Sheet

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Columbia Park Water and Sewer System
7100 Columbia Road
Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138

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III. RATE SCHEDULE

The quantity of water passing through and recorded by the customer's water meter shall be the basis for computing the quarterly charges for the sewer service.

A. QUARTERLY RATES

Customer Charge \$2.51

Water	\$41.67 purchase water	Sewer	\$36.14/mcf* (based on
	<u>\$9.04</u> base rate		water consumption)
	\$50.71/mcf*		

*Thousand Cubic Feet

B. RECONNECTION CHARGE

A reconnection charge of \$20.00 will be made on the customer's first billing cycle following the reconnection date.

C. LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Each bill which is not paid within twenty days of the date shown on the bill will be assessed a late payment service charge of 5% on the unpaid balance. Such late payment charge will not be compounded on future delinquencies and will be assessed to current charges only.

D. DISHONORED PAYMENT CHARGE

When payment is received as payment for water and/or sewer services and is returned by a financial institution as unpaid, the customer will be assessed a \$25.00 charge (per returned payment).

E. FREEZE PLATES

Should it be necessary to replace the freeze plate on any meter due to freezing caused by customer negligence, a charge of \$13.00 will be made on the customer's first billing cycle following replacement date.

Issued on: December 26, 2012

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EXHIBIT D

Proposed Tariff Rate Sheet

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EXHIBIT E

Proposed Notification to Columbia Park Water and Sewer System Customers

COLUMBIA PARK WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

1080 Pittsford-Victor Road

Pittsford, New York 14534

585-381-0570

Ohio Office: 440-235-5300



Dear Columbia Park Water and Sewer System Customer:

Ohio Revised Code Section 4909.171 provides that when a water company, such as Columbia Park Water and Sewer System, under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio receives its water supply from a municipal corporation, other local governmental unit, such as the City of Cleveland, or other water company under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, it may change its rates to reflect either increases or decreases in rates imposed on it by the municipal corporation, other local governmental unit, or other water company, after it has given notice of the change to the Commission. This procedure saves Columbia Park Water and Sewer System customers from bearing the expense of a rate case whenever the City changes its rates to Columbia Park Water and Sewer System.

In 2015, the City of Cleveland increased its rates to Columbia Park Water and Sewer System, which rate of \$51.60 is now in effect. Columbia Park Water and Sewer System notified the Commission of the City of Cleveland water rates on ~~XXXXXX~~ 2015. New Columbia Park Water and Sewer System water rates will become effective with the start of the next billing cycle, on ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

The new Columbia Park Water and Sewer System water rate represents only the change in the rates from the City of Cleveland. No other costs of Columbia Park Water and Sewer System have been figured into the rate. Should Columbia Park Water and Sewer System wish to have other costs reflected in its rates, such as an increase in taxes, or addition to plant, it will be required to file an application for an increase in rates, for which traditional ratemaking procedures, including a public hearing will be scheduled.

Below is a comparison of the current rates and the new rates as a result of the increase from the City of Cleveland:

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As you can see, under the revised rates, an average Columbia Park Water and Sewer System customer who paid \$53.14 per quarter under the current rates will pay \$54.04 per quarter under the new rates, an increase of \$0.93 per quarter.

If you have any questions about the above information or about your bill, please feel free to call us (440-235-5300) or come into the office to see the tariffs between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays at the management office at 7100 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, OH. You can also write to the company at its New York office at 1080 Pittsford-Victor Road, Pittsford, New York 14534.

Kenneth C. Burnham, for
Columbia Park Water and Sewer System