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May 14, 2015

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Ohio Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Chairperson / Commission Members
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT:

Jeff Bond
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RE: Case # 15-863-WW-SIC for the Proposed Aqua Ohio System Improvement Char Ashtabula Township

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT:

Ken Mauro
440-997-9551

Dear Chairperson / Commission Members:

**OFFICE MANAGER/
ZONING INSPECTOR:**

Ryan E. Whitmire
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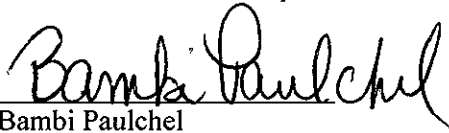
We, the Ashtabula Township Trustees, passed a motion at our last regularly scheduled meeting held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 to unanimously oppose the proposed Aqua Ohio, Inc. increase of approximately \$2.11 per month for an average customer using 4,000 gallons of water per month for residents in Ashtabula after just receiving increases in 2012 and 2013. Our population base is heavily populated with senior citizens who are on fixed incomes and many individuals who are without work or working minimum wage jobs in the existing economy. The residents of Ashtabula Township would be hard pressed to absorb another proposed increase. Nonetheless, residents are still trying to catch up with inflation from the past Ohio American Water Company rate increases in recent years let alone taking on these additional increases.

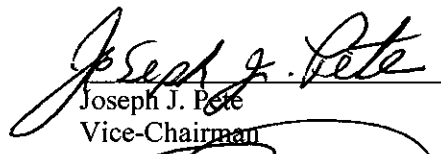
Our board requests that you completely review and evaluate the continuous rate increases and the current economical situation our county is faced with at this time. Please understand the hardship residents are faced with when trying to pay the existing bills that are approximately \$55 to \$70 per month. The increase will only make it more difficult when attempting to pay these bills.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration on this matter.

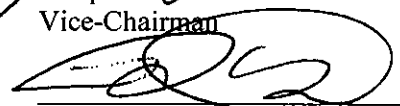
Sincerely,

The Ashtabula Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer


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LEGAL NOTICE

AQUA OHIO, INC., NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ASSESS A SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Districts Formerly Served by Ohio American Water Company

Public notice is hereby given that on May 1, 2015, Aqua Ohio, Inc. filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio an Application for Authority to Assess a System Improvement Charge in the following districts formerly served by Ohio American Water Company: Ashtabula, Marion, Tiffin, Franklin County, Mansfield, Portage County, Lake White, Lawrence County, and Preble County. The case number of the proceeding before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio is 15-863-WW-SIC.

A copy of the application is available for inspection at the Marion office, located at **365 East Center Street, Marion, Ohio 43301-0506**. Additionally, a copy of said application is available for inspection at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio located at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The filing may also be viewed online at the Commission's docketing division website, www.ohio.gov/puco/docketing/index.cfm.

In its application, the Company seeks to avail itself of the authority set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 4909.172 to assess a monthly system improvement charge on all unmetered, metered and fire service customers. The purpose of seeking authority to assess and collect a SIC is to fund the replacement and rehabilitation of infrastructure including aging water mains and plant that are crucial to service reliability and water quality. Improvements totaling more than \$14.2 million have been made since the last rate case in 2013. The application, if granted in full, will result in an additional \$2.11 per month for an average residential customer using **4,000** gallons of water per month in the Ashtabula, Marion, Tiffin, Franklin County, Mansfield, Portage County, Lake White, Lawrence County, and Preble County areas; and \$2.23 for unmetered customers in the Mansfield area. The proposed surcharge would equal four and one quarter percent of the total water service bill of each customer and customers can contact the application toll-free at 877.987.2782 with any questions concerning the application.

Any person, firm, corporation or association may file comments regarding the proposed application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Any comments must be filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by **[date]**, 2015.