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*RE: In the Matter of the Application of Aqua Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Amend Tariff  
Pages, Case No. 15-403-WW-ATA*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Aqua Ohio, Inc., Case No. 15-403-WW-ATA.

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**Aqua Ohio, Inc.**  
**Case No. 15-403-WW-ATA**

**Staff's Review and Recommendations**

**Background**

On February 24, 2015 Aqua Ohio, Inc. filed an application for approval to condense the rules-and-regulations sections of a number of existing tariffs and replace them with a single, consolidated tariff. On May 22, 2015, Aqua filed an amendment intended to clarify non-substantive information and to ensure proper billing of former Mohawk and Tomahawk customers. On May 27, 2015, Aqua filed an amendment to ensure consistency between the tariff provisions and the notification of customers' rights.

The application does not contain the complete tariff, rather it contains only the rule-and-regulation changes. As rates can not change in an Application for Tariff Approval (ATA) filing, the rates and charges section of the tariff were not included in the application, however, they will be filed in the final version to make a complete tariff. With this caveat, the Applicant will make adjustments to the section and sheet references in the subject index of the tariff in the final filing.

Aqua is responsible for administering seven different tariffs. The multiplicity of tariffs can be difficult for company personnel to administer and confusing for customers, and it creates the potential for conflict in how similar subject matters are treated or addressed for customers under different tariffs.

**Application**

The rules-and-regulations of the following existing tariffs will be replaced in their entirety by a new Aqua Ohio, Inc. P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 2:

- Lake Erie Division, P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 1
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- Aqua Ohio Inc. P.U.C.O. No. 15 (areas formerly served by Ohio American Water Company)
- Aqua Ohio Inc. P.U.C.O. No. 2 (areas formerly served by Tomahawk Utilities, Inc.)
- Aqua Ohio Inc. P.U.C.O. No. 3 (areas formerly served by Mohawk Utilities, Inc.).

Aqua eventually wishes to serve all of its customers under a single, unified set of rules and regulations however, Aqua is not proposing to consolidate all of its tariffs at this time. The tariffs applicable to the Stark Regional Division and Struthers Division are being excluded from this application because those areas are served under municipal rate ordinances.

**Staff Review**

Staff reviewed the five (5) above listed tariffs against the proposed new, consolidated P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 2 and the Ohio Administrative Code. Staff reviewed for reasonableness, accuracy, relevance and compliance of the rules and regulations.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the application filed February 24, 2015 and amended May 22 and May 27, 2015 be approved.