

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Aqua)
Ohio Wastewater, Inc., for Implementation of)
the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.) 18-1841-ST-UNC

In the Matter of the Application of Aqua)
Ohio Wastewater, Inc. for Approval of Tariff)
Revisions.) 18-1842-ST-ATA

APPLICATION

In accordance with R.C. 4909.18 and the October 24, 2018 Finding and Order (Order) of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI, Aqua Ohio Wastewater, Inc. (AWI, the Applicant, or the Company) respectfully files this Application with the Commission seeking approval to resolve matters related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). AWI seeks approval of proposed tariff revisions under R.C. 4909.18 not for an increase in rates, to establish a credit mechanism through which to return the remaining benefits of the TCJA to its wastewater service customers.

In support of this Application, AWI states:

1. AWI is a “public utility” and a “sewage disposal company” as defined in R.C. 4905.02(A) and 4905.03(M). As such, AWI is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction in accordance with R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06.
2. AWI is authorized to engage in the business of providing wastewater service to customers served under the terms and conditions of AWI’s P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 1, as set forth in its Certificate of Public Convenience No. 1.
3. On October 24, 2018, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI, directing all Ohio rate-regulated utility companies to file an application not for an increase in rates, in accordance with R.C. 4909.18, to allow the Commission the opportunity to consider the impacts of the TCJA on each specific company.

4. In accordance with the Order, AWI proposes to apply a credit, the TCJA Negative Surcharge, to the base sewer rates in its Franklin Division to reflect the tax savings realized under the TCJA. This credit will provide the following benefits:

a. Reduction in the Federal Income Tax (FIT) Rate:

- i. The estimated balance of deferrals recorded by the Company for wastewater service accumulated from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, is \$212,900. This estimated balance of deferrals will be included in the TCJA Negative Surcharge beginning when the order is in place. The credit amount applied to each applicable customer will be reflected as a percentage of the customer's base sewer charges. This credit amount will be adjusted annually to reflect further changes in the FIT and will continue until the Commission approves new base sewer rates at which time the reduction will be incorporated into the base rates.

b. Amortization of Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes (ADIT):

- i. Protected or normalized excess ADITs of approximately \$369,565 will be amortized based on the average rate assumption method (ARAM) as required to conform to normalization rules. The normalization rate will adjust annually in accordance with ARAM.
- ii. Unprotected excess ADITs of approximately \$317,367 which includes those related to property, plant, and equipment will be amortized over 10 years beginning with the first month the negative surcharge is effective.
- iii. The amortization of all ADITs will be grossed up using the revenue conversion factor based on the prevailing federal income tax rate. The TCJA Negative Surcharge applied to each applicable customer will be

reflected as a percentage of the customer's base sewer charges. This credit amount will be adjusted annually to reflect further changes in the ADITs and will continue until the Commission approves new base sewer rates at which time the reduction will be incorporated into the base rates.

5. In support of its Application, AWI submits the following:
 - a. Attachment A, which contains proposed tariff revisions reflecting the TCJA Negative Surcharge to be applied to customers in each of AWI's service areas; and
 - b. Attachment B, which contains the supporting calculations for the proposed credit amount, including balances of ADIT, deferrals, and estimated rates.

6. To facilitate a full and fair consideration of the issues unique to AWI when determining the impact of the TCJA, and to ensure a timely return of all tax benefits to its customers, AWI requests a Finding and Order approving this Application as soon as is practicable, and no later than September 1, 2019.

WHEREFORE, AWI respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application and the attached rate schedules, and grant any other necessary and proper relief.

Dated: December 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR AQUA OHIO

WASTEWATER, INC.

Attachment A

Aqua Ohio Wastewater, Inc.
 6650 South Avenue
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Section 2
Second Revised Sheet No. 3
 Replaces First Revised Sheet No. 3
P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 1

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Premises-Definition of	3-1	3	11/21/17
Pressure, Water	3-2	1	11/21/17
R			
Rates-Franklin Division	4	1-3	<u>xx/xx/xx</u> , 11/21/17
Rates-Former Firestone Trace	4	4-5	3/7/18
Reconnection of Service	3-2	7-8	11/21/17
Repair of Customer Facilities	3-2; 3-6	2; 1	11/21/17
Restoring Service-Requirements	3-2	7-8	11/21/17
S			
Schedule of Rates	4	1-5	<u>xx/xx/xx</u> , 3/7/18, 11/21/17
Service-Application	3-4	1-2	11/21/17
Service-Bills and Payments	3-3	1-2	11/21/17
Service-Bills for Delinquent	3-3	1	11/21/17
Service-Bills for Mailing	3-3	1	11/21/17
Service-Bills for, When rendered	3-3	1	11/21/17
Service-Bills for, Where Paid	3-3	1	11/21/17
Service-Building Construction	3-6	1-2	11/21/17
Service-Calls After Hours	3-2	7-8	11/21/17
Service-Contracts for	3-4	1-2	11/21/17
Service-Customer Lines	3-6	1-5	11/21/17
Service-Deficiency or Failure	3-2	1	11/21/17
Service-Deposits	3-2	4-5, 7, 9	11/21/17
Service-Discontinuance	3-2; 3-3	3-7; 1	11/21/17
Service-Installation	3-6	1-2	11/21/17
Service-Maintenance and Repair	3-6	1	11/21/17
Service-Metered	3-3	1	11/21/17
Service-Reconnection	3-2	7-8	11/21/17
Service-Regulations	3-2	1-9	11/21/17
Service-Separate Meter Requirement	3-6	1	11/21/17
Service-Size and Type	4	See Sch. Rates	3/7/18, 11/21/17
Service-Temporary	3-2; 3-4	3; 2	11/21/17
Service-Temporarily Discontinue	3-3	2	11/21/17
Sewer System-Contamination	3-6	2-4	11/21/17
Superseded Tariffs	1	1	11/21/17
T			
<u>TCJA Negative Surcharge</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>See Sch. Rates</u>	<u>xx/xx/xx</u>
Temporary Service	3-2; 3-4	3; 2	11/21/17
Temporary Shut off Notice	3-2	2	11/21/17

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DISHONORED PAYMENT CHARGE

Provided a customer's payment from the customer's approved financial institution is properly processed by the Company, if a payment that has been received as payment for service is returned by the financial institution or is not recognized due to insufficient funds, a charge of fifteen dollars and seventy-one cents (\$15.71) will be assessed to cover the cost of processing this transaction.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

The late payment fee of 5% is based on current charges only and is not compounded on future delinquencies. The customer receives a six (6) day grace period (after the due date) before late fees are applied. The six-day grace period allows for any mail or processing delays.

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Attachment B

Aqua Ohio Inc.
 Calculation of TCJA Negative Surcharge - Sewer
 Case No. 18-1841-ST-UNC

Line	Amortization of Excess ADIT's		Sewer	Admin	Total	TCJA % of Base Revenue
1	Protected Property, Plant and Equipment	ARAM	(15,336)	(7,524)	(22,860)	
2					-	
3	Unprotected Property, Plant and Equipment	10 YR	(34,867)	(1,209)	(36,075)	
4					-	
5	Unprotected not related to PP&E	10 YR	-	474	474	
6						
7	Total Amortization of Excess ADITs		(50,203)	(8,259)	(58,462)	
8						
9	Gross Up for Income	1.26582	(63,547)	(10,454)	(74,002)	-2.03%
10						
11	Amortize FIT Deferrals 1/1/18 to 12/31/18		(212,900)	0	(212,900)	-5.85%
12						
13	Total Annualized Refund		(276,447)	(10,454)	(286,902)	
14						
15	Current Base Revenue	Prior 12 months Revenue			3,640,065	
16						
17	TCJA negative surcharge (% of Base Revenue)					-7.88%
18						
19						

Aqua Ohio Inc.
 Calculation of Deferrals - SEWER
 Case No. 18-1841-ST-UNC

Calculation of ADIT Amortization for Negative Surcharge

Line		Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Total
Protected Excess ADIT- PP&E														
1	Beginning Balance	330,896	329,633	328,370	327,107	325,844	324,581	323,318	322,055	320,792	319,529	318,266	317,003	315,740
2	Amortization	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)	(1,263)
3	Ending Balance	329,633	328,370	327,107	325,844	324,581	323,318	322,055	320,792	319,529	318,266	317,003	315,740	315,740
4														
5														
Unprotected Excess ADIT- PP&E														
7	Beginning Balance	322,008	323,271	324,534	325,797	327,060	328,323	329,586	330,849	332,112	333,375	334,638	335,901	337,164
8	Amortization	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263	1,263
9	Ending Balance	323,271	324,534	325,797	327,060	328,323	329,586	330,849	332,112	333,375	334,638	335,901	337,164	337,164
10														
Unprotected Excess ADIT- Non- PP&E														
12	Beginning Balance		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Amortization													
14	Ending Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15														
16														
17	Sub-total Excess ADIT's	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904
18														
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22														
Protected Excess ADIT- PP&E														
24	Beginning Balance	315,740	314,462	313,184	311,906	310,628	309,350	308,072	306,794	305,516				
25	Amortization	(1,278)	(1,278)	(1,278)	(1,278)	(1,278)	(1,278)	(1,278)	(1,278)	(1,278)				
26	Ending Balance	314,462	313,184	311,906	310,628	309,350	308,072	306,794	305,516	304,238				
27														
28														
Unprotected Excess ADIT- PP&E														
30	Beginning Balance	337,164	338,442	339,720	340,998	342,276	343,554	344,832	346,110	347,388				
31	Amortization	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278				
32	Ending Balance	338,442	339,720	340,998	342,276	343,554	344,832	346,110	347,388	348,666				
33														
Unprotected Excess ADIT- Non- PP&E														
35	Beginning Balance		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
36	Amortization													
37	Ending Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
38														
39	Total Excess ADIT's	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904	652,904				

Aqua Ohio Inc.
 Calculation of Deferrals - ADMIN
 Case No. 18-1841-ST-UNC

Calculation of ADIT Amortization for Negative Surcharge

Line		Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Total
Protected Excess ADIT- PP&E														
1	Administrative Beginning Balance	1,255,481												
2	Divisional Allocation	3.08%												
3	Jurisdictional Beginning Balance	38,669	38,140	37,611	37,082	36,553	36,024	35,495	34,966	34,437	33,908	33,379	32,850	32,321
4	Amortization (Jurisdictional)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	(529)	
5	Ending Balance	38,140	37,611	37,082	36,553	36,024	35,495	34,966	34,437	33,908	33,379	32,850	32,321	32,321
6														
7														
8	Unprotected Excess ADIT- PP&E													
9	Administrative Beginning Balance	3,148												
10	Divisional Allocation	3.08%												
11	Jurisdictional Beginning Balance	97	626	1,155	1,684	2,213	2,742	3,271	3,800	4,329	4,858	5,387	5,916	6,445
12	Amortization (Jurisdictional)	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	529	
13	Ending Balance	626	1,155	1,684	2,213	2,742	3,271	3,800	4,329	4,858	5,387	5,916	6,445	6,445
14														
15	Unprotected Excess ADIT- Non- PP&E													
16	Administrative Beginning Balance	(153,831)												
17	Divisional Allocation	3.08%												
18	Jurisdictional Beginning Balance	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)
19	Amortization (Jurisdictional)													
20	Ending Balance	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)
21														
22														
23	Sub-total Excess ADIT's	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028
24														
25														
26														
27														
28		Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19				
29	Protected Excess ADIT- PP&E													
30	Jurisdictional Beginning Balance	32,321	31,694	31,067	30,440	29,813	29,186	28,559	27,932	27,305				
31	Amortization (Jurisdictional)	(627)	(627)	(627)	(627)	(627)	(627)	(627)	(627)	(627)				
32	Ending Balance	31,694	31,067	30,440	29,813	29,186	28,559	27,932	27,305	26,678				
33														
34														
35	Unprotected Excess ADIT- PP&E													
36	Jurisdictional Beginning Balance	6,445	7,072	7,699	8,326	8,953	9,580	10,207	10,834	11,461				
37	Amortization (Jurisdictional)	627	627	627	627	627	627	627	627	627				
38	Ending Balance	7,072	7,699	8,326	8,953	9,580	10,207	10,834	11,461	12,088				
39														
40	Unprotected Excess ADIT- Non- PP&E													
41	Jurisdictional Beginning Balance	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)				
42	Amortization (Jurisdictional)													
43	Ending Balance	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)	(4,738)				
44														
45	Total Excess ADIT's	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028	34,028				

Aqua Ohio Inc
Revenue Calc - Negative Surcharge - Sewer
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<u>Line</u>			
1	Approved Revenue Requirement	3,765,747	Actual Revenue 2017
2			
3	Less SIC No longer in effect	(107,926)	
4			
5	Miscellaneous Revenue	(17,756)	
6			
7	Adjusted Base Revenue	<u><u>3,640,065</u></u>	

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