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June 21, 2021

Jenifer French, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairperson French:

RE: Letter of Objection to Rate
Increase Request

The Perry Township (Franklin County) Board of Trustees recently received notice from Aqua Ohio, Inc. that it will soon apply to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to increase the service rates by 12.0% in 2022 for the Worthington Hills section of our township. This action has the potential to impact approximately 1,100 households or approximately 64% of our township. The following chart depicts the overall request and the actual impact on our residents, whom on average usage of 4,000 gallons per month of drinking water.

Estimated Effective Date of Proposed Increase	Percentage of Increase	Monthly Increase
January 1, 2022	12.0%	\$5.76

The Board of Trustees believe that during these difficult economic times, an increase of 12.0% for this utility service is unjustifiable and will result in residents having to choose whether to purchase clean and environmentally acceptable water or discontinuing this service all together resulting in issues related to public health and safety conditions. As an entity that is responsible for providing services to the general public, it has been our goal to first consider and implement measures that can result in cost cutting measures and efficiencies, prior to requesting increases in revenue. In addition, Perry Township has the luxury and confidence to request direct input from our customers/residents as to the quality of service we provide and at times whether to continue certain services.

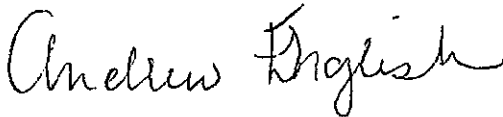
Finally, this proposal seems to account in an off-balanced manner expenses that provide no service to their customers such as taxes and healthcare benefits. Please believe us when we say that our residents would enjoy being able to pass along these same expenses to another party as well.

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We will be encouraging residents to contact the PUCO, through letters and sworn testimony, as your commission is the sole agency charged with regulating public utility service. We recognize that the PUCO is also responsible for ensuring all consumers whether they are considered residential, business, and industrial consumers have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at fair prices. In addition, we are forwarding this letter of objection to the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and encourage our residents to voice their concerns and coordinate their request to testify before your commission with the OCC.

We request that you reject the Aqua Ohio, Inc. proposal, as presented and seek a compromise based on responsible calculations. We look forward to your response referencing the concerns contained within this correspondence.

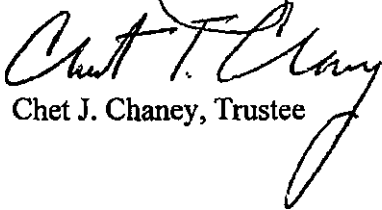
Sincerely,



Andrew English, Chairman



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