

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Aqua)
Ohio Wastewater, Inc. to Increase its) Case No. 21-0596-ST-AIR
Rates and Charges for its Wastewater)
Service.)

**APPLICANT’S RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 19, 2022 STAFF LETTER
CONCERNING REVISED TARIFFS**

Applicant Aqua Ohio Wastewater, Inc. (“AWI”), by and through counsel, hereby responds to the October 19, 2022 Staff letter concerning the revised tariffs filed by AWI on October 12, 2022 (the “Staff Letter”). The following is an explanation for the revisions to AWI’s tariffs filed on October 12. Redlined and clean versions of the revised tariffs are attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2

Section 2, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2 was revised to insert the additional page number for “Formula-Summer/Winter Usage” (as discussed below). No substantive changes were made.

Section 2, Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3

Section 2, Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3 was revised to correct the name “Southwoods Estate” to “Southwood Estates.” No substantive changes were made.

Section 4, Second Revised Sheet No. 2

Section 4, Second Revised Sheet No. 2 was revised to remove “and Former Firestone Trace (cont.)” from the title. Former Firestone Trace summer/winter sewer usage formula is now contained on its own separate page (as discussed below) and does not need to be included on this page.

Section 4, First Revised Sheet No. 5

Section 4, First Revised Sheet No. 5 was revised to insert the summer/winter definitions for Former Firestone Trace on its own sheet separate from the tariff sheet for former Ohio American Water Company. No substantive changes were made to the definitions or the way the formulas apply. Rather, it was done merely as a clarification for Former Firestone Trace.

Section 4, First Sheet No. 6

Section 4, First Sheet No. 6 was revised to correct the name “Southwoods Estate” to “Southwood Estates.” No substantive changes were made.

CONCLUSION

Following the filing of the Staff Letter, AWI worked with Staff to explain the changes and provide all necessary back-up documentation to support the revisions. AWI respectfully requests the Commission approve the revised tariffs attached as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 1 –
REDLINE

P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 1

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Rates for sewer customers in the former Firestone Trace (cont.)

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT SURCHARGE (SIC)

None.

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Rates for customers in the area formerly served by Ohio American Water Company ~~and Former Firestone Trace (cont.)~~

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**Rates for sewer customers in the former Southwoods Estates
Located in Ashland, Ohio**

RATES AND CHARGES FOR UNMETERED SERVICE

DOMESTIC SERVICE

	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Residential	\$62.50

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.

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.

ACCOUNT ACTIVATION CHARGE

An account activation charge of thirty-one dollars and seventy-six cents (\$31.76) will be charged for a service connection during the Company's regular business hours.

RECONNECTION CHARGE

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