



Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel

October 13, 2023

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Settlement: *In the Matter of the Application of Aqua Ohio, Inc. to Increase its Rates and Charges for its Waterworks Service*, Case No. 22-1094-WW-AIR; and *In the Matter of the Application of Aqua Ohio Wastewater, Inc. to Increase its Rates and Charges for its Wastewater Service*, Case No. 22-1096-ST-AIR.

Dear Ms. Troupe:

On October 5, 2023, Aqua Ohio filed a Stipulation and Recommendation ("Settlement") in each of the above referenced cases regarding its rates for water and wastewater services. The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") actively participated in settlement negotiations with Aqua Ohio, the PUCO Staff, and the City of Marion. The consumer results of the negotiations by the parties, as reflected in the Settlements, have enabled OCC to neither oppose nor support the Settlements.

OCC's non-opposition to the Settlements is not precedent for any future case or issue. OCC is not waiving its rights to make any recommendations it considers appropriate in any other (including future) proceedings regarding Aqua Ohio.

OCC appreciates the efforts of the parties to negotiate Settlements that, with their consumer protections, enabled OCC's non-support and non-opposition on behalf of consumers.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angela D. O'Brien

Angela D. O'Brien
Deputy Consumers' Counsel

cc: Parties of record

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