

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio-)
American Water Company to Increase its) Case No. 03-2390-WS-AIR
Rates for Water and Sewer Services Provided)
to its Entire Service Area.)

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)
American Water Company for Approval of) Case No. 04-339-WW-AAM
Accounting Charges with Respect to Deferral)
of Security Costs Incurred in the Wake of)
September 11, 2001.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On March 12, 2004, Ohio-American Water Company (company) filed an application for a rate increase in Case No. 03-2390-WS-AIR (rate increase application) and an application for approval of accounting charges with respect to deferral of security costs incurred in the wake of September 11, 2001 (accounting application).
- (2) The Commission has caused an investigation to be made of the facts set forth in the rate increase application by the company, the exhibits attached thereto, and the matters connected with that application.
- (3) A written report of the staff's investigation was filed on September 30, 2004. Copies of the staff report were mailed to the company, the mayor of the municipal corporations affected by the application, and other persons the Commission deemed to be interested in the case.
- (4) Objections to the staff report shall be specific, in accordance with Rule 4901-1-28(B), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), and shall be filed on or before November 1, 2004, in accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code. Any objection that is not specific enough to convey what is actually being placed at issue will be struck pursuant to the above-cited rule.
- (5) Motions to strike objections shall be filed by November 8, 2004, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections shall be filed by November 15, 2004. Unless an objection is struck or withdrawn, each objection must be discussed in the initial post-hearing brief of the objecting party. If an objection is not

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discussed in the initial brief, the objection will, without further action, be deemed withdrawn.

- (6) Each party filing objections shall also file a brief summary of the issues it designates as major issues, in order of their importance, for purposes of the notice required by Section 4903.083, Revised Code.
- (7) Persons wishing to intervene in this proceeding will have until November 1, 2004, to file a motion to intervene.
- (8) A prehearing conference will be held on November 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., Room 11-G, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss procedural aspects of the case and to provide an opportunity for the parties to conduct settlement discussions.
- (9) The public evidentiary hearing and the local public hearing will be scheduled, and publication of notice required, by subsequent entry.
- (10) Discovery should be completed in accordance with Rule 4901-1-17, O.A.C.

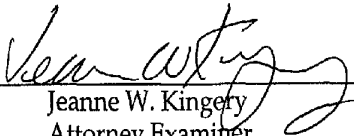
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled for November 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

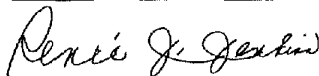
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