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Alan R. Schriber, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

*RE: Letter of Objection to Rate Increase
Case No. 09-391-WS-AIR*

Dear Chairman Schriber:

The Perry Township Board of Trustees recently received notice from the Ohio American Water Company that effective May 7, 2009 it had applied to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to increase its rates by approximately 24% in 2010 for the Worthington, Ohio area, which would include residents in the Worthington Hills section of our township. This action has the potential to impact approximately **875** households or approximately **55 %** of our township. The proposal includes a request to avoid having to file for general rate increases through the year 2013 by pre-approving additional rate increases in the years of 2011 through 2013. The following chart depicts the overall request and the actual impact on our residents, whom on have on average 5 CCF of monthly usage.

Effective Date of Proposed Increase	Percentage of Increase	Monthly Increase	Daily Increase
March/April, 2010	24.63%	\$12.08	\$0.40
April 1, 2011	22.30%	\$13.62	\$0.45
April 1, 2012	6.82%	\$5.10	\$0.17
April 1, 2013	5.77%	\$4.60	\$0.15
Total Increase	59.52%	\$35.40	\$1.17

The Board of Trustees believes that during these difficult economic times, an increase of **59.52%** 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 as to the quality of service we provide and at times whether to continue certain services.

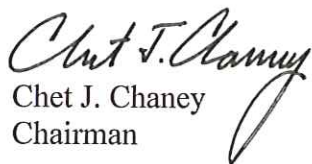
Finally, it has been our understanding that under PUCO rules, the utility cannot recover costs associated with anticipated expense, but those costs, which have already been incurred and are documented. This proposal seems to be much further reaching in that it appears that the utility is predicting future expenses, which it may or may not incur and cannot be documented.

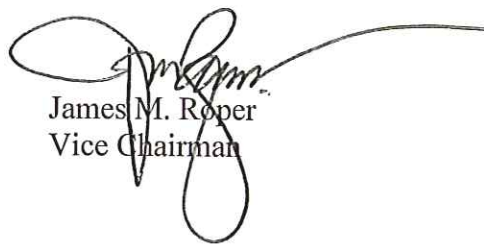
We will be encouraging residents to contact the PUCO, through letters and sworn testimony, as your commission is the sole agency charged with regulating public utility service. We recognize that the PUCO is also responsible for ensuring that all consumers, whether they are considered residential, business, 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.

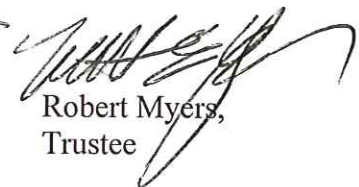
We request that you reject Ohio American Waters' proposal as presented and seek a compromise based on a responsible calculation of past expenses. We look forward to response referencing the concerns contained within this correspondence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Chet J. Chaney
Chairman


James M. Roper
Vice Chairman


Robert Myers,
Trustee