

RESOLUTION NO. 17 – 07

**A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE OHIO AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S  
ANTICIPATED REQUEST FOR A RATE INCREASE  
AT ITS LAKE DARBY ESTATES SERVICE AREA IS INAPPROPRIATE GIVEN ONGOING  
PROBLEMS WITH WATER SOFTENING AT THAT FACILITY AND URGING THE PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO TO REJECT SAID RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, the Lake Darby Estates subdivision and the Westpoint subdivision constitute the Lake Darby service area for provision of water and wastewater service by Ohio American Water Company; and

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WHEREAS, both the Prairie Township Board of Trustees and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio heard numerous complaints concerning poor quality water and high rates before, during and after the hearing process that was part of the review of the March 2007 rate increase request; and

WHEREAS, while the Prairie Township Board of Trustees recognize right of Ohio American's investors to earn a return on money invested in the Lake Darby facilities, the Board also recognizes that the Public Utilities Commission expects Ohio American Water to achieve benchmarks concerning water softening in this service area as a condition of the March 2007 increase approval; and

WHEREAS, customer complaints about the low quality of the water persist, while there has been a lack of any evidence, as well as a lack of sufficient time, to assure a sustained improvement of the quality of water provided by Ohio American Water's Lake Darby facility; and

WHEREAS, Ohio American Water intends to request an additional combined water and wastewater rate increase of 34.98%, or an additional \$27.38, per month, before the end of October 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has designated this request as Case #07-112-WSAIR.

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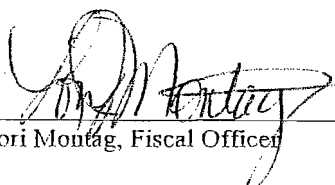
**RESOLVED,**

1. The Board finds that Ohio America Water has not been able to satisfy its customers in the Lake Darby service area that the quality of water provided through their utility has improved, nor has it had adequate time to substantiate any progress toward improved water quality.
2. The Board finds that Ohio American Water has no basis for claiming that any investments that may have been made to the Lake Darby facility will result in any improvement in service provided to area customers.
3. The Board urges the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to reject rate increase request being considered as Case #07-112-WSAIR.

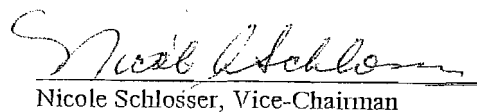
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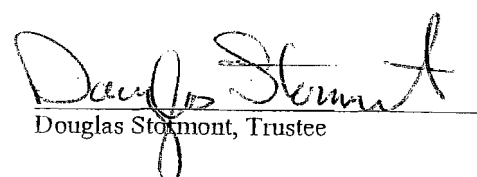
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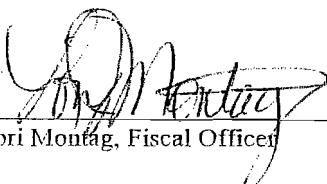
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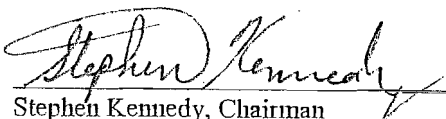
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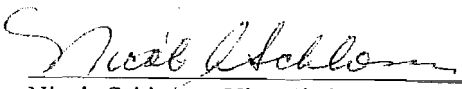
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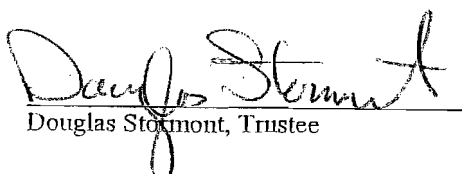
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