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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are two copies of Village of Caledonia's Resolution No. 2009-108 adopted September 2, 2009 that objects to the water rate increase filed by Ohio-American Water with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission.

Will you please file-stamp one copy and return to the Village for our records. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you.

Maureen Welch
Maureen Welch, Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-108

**A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO AND OPPOSING THE PROPOSED
WATER RATE INCREASE FILED BY OHIO AMERICAN WATER WITH
THE OHIO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, certain residents of the Village of Caledonia, Marion County, Ohio (the "Village") receive water service from Ohio American Water ("OAW"); and

WHEREAS, in June of 2009, OAW filed a request with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to substantially increase rates for all of its residential customers in Ohio, including numerous residents of the Village, over a four year period as follows: 24.63% increase in April 2010; 22.30% increase in April of 2011; 6.82% in April of 2012; and 5.77% increase in 2013, resulting in a total increase of approximately 60%; and

WHEREAS, the request by OAW is their third rate increase request in three years and, if granted, will result in an approximate increase of 240% in water rates since 1999 to these Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the PUCO mission is to "assure all residential and business consumers access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices;" and

WHEREAS, the Village residents receiving OAW water service already pay a substantially higher and unfair rate for such service when compared with both other Village residents and residents of surrounding jurisdictions that receive such service from other utility providers; and

WHEREAS, due to the current difficult economic times and previous rate increases granted to OAW, the Village Council of the Village believes a rate increase of 60% for water service is unjustified and will result in many Village residents not being able to afford water service; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village believes it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to oppose the proposed OAW water rate increase filed with the PUCO and to further urge the Commissioners of the PUCO to reject OAW's proposed rate increase.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia, Marion County, Ohio (the "Village Council") that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

Section 1. The Village Council hereby objects to and opposes the proposed OAW water rate increase as filed with the PUCO in June of 2009. The Village Council believes that OAW's requested increase is unfair, excessive and incapable of justification. The Village Council further agrees to support, assist and work with other governmental jurisdictions affected by the proposed OAW water rate increase in opposing the increase.

Section 2. The Village Council hereby requests that the Commissioners of the PUCO reject the proposed water rate increase as filed by OAW and secondarily requests that should PUCO grant an increase to OAW, that any increase be equitable to the consumer and be based upon fair and responsible calculations.

Section 3. The Village Council hereby authorizes and directs the Village Clerk/Treasurer to file and/or forward a copy of this Resolution to the Docketing Division of the PUCO, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"), Franklin County Commissioners, and each of the respective state legislators whose legislative districts encompasses the Village.

Section 4. The Village Council authorizes and appoints each of the following persons to appear and speak on behalf of the Village Council at any meeting and/or hearing to be held by the PUCO in its review of OAW's water rate increase proposal: each member of the Village Council; the Village Clerk/Treasurer, the Village Mayor and/or such other Village employee(s) as each Council Member may deem necessary or desirable.


Section 5. The Village Council of the Village of Caledonia encourages all Village residents to contact the PUCO, the OCC, and their state legislators through letters and phone calls voicing their opinion on OAW's proposed water rate increases.

Section 6. All formal actions of this Village Council, concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution, were adopted in an open meeting of this Village Council, and all deliberations of the Village Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

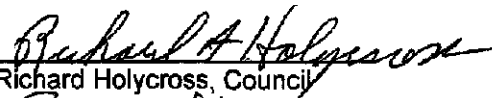
Adopted: September 2, 2009

**VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS,
MARION COUNTY, OHIO**


Maureen Welch, Mayor

Attest and Certified



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