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#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

CASE ID: 00907857 CUSTOMER: Jena Stites SERVICE ADDRESS: Ohio AIQ: Christi Water System Inc NIQ: 4194384125

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### DOCKETING CASE #: 24-0798-WW-AIR

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Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO),

I am writing to express my strong concern regarding Christi Water's proposal to increase water service rates by 30.51%. As a customer of Christi Water, I believe this proposed rate hike is excessively high and will

have a negative impact on my household budget, as well as those of my neighbors and fellow Ohioans.

Water is a basic necessity, and while I understand that utilities may need to adjust rates periodically, such a significant increase in one year seems unreasonable, especially in the current economic climate. Many families are already struggling to keep up with rising costs in essential services, and this rate increase could place an undue burden on low- and fixedincome households.

I urge the PUCO to carefully review the proposed increase and consider the following:

The financial strain that such a rate hike will impose on residents, particularly those in vulnerable communities.

The potential for alternative cost-saving measures that Christi Water could implement to reduce the need for such a steep increase.

The possibility of phasing in any necessary rate increases over a longer period to lessen the immediate impact on families and businesses.

I respectfully request that the PUCO take these concerns into account as you review Christi Water's proposal and consider all options to ensure that water service remains affordable for all Ohioans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the PUCO will act in the best interest of consumers and help prevent unnecessary hardship caused by this proposed rate increase.

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