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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

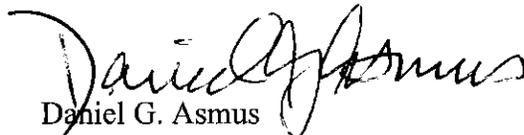
**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Columbia Water Company
Docket No. R-2013-2360798**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the Prehearing Memorandum, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate, in the above-captioned proceeding.

As evidenced by the enclosed certificate of service, all parties have been served as indicate.

Sincerely,


Daniel G. Asmus
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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record
Brian Kalcic

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	:	
	:	
v.	:	Docket No. R-2013-2360798
	:	
COLUMBIA WATER COMPANY	:	

**OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE
PREHEARING MEMORANDUM**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) is authorized to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (“the Act”). In order to discharge this statutory duty, the Small Business Advocate deems it necessary to participate as a party to this proceeding. Representing the OSBA in this matter is Assistant Small Business Advocate Daniel G. Asmus. Please address all correspondence as follows:

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II. FILING BACKGROUND

On April 25, 2013, the Columbia Water Company (“Columbia” or the “Company”) filed Supplement No. 60 to Tariff Water-Pa. P.U.C. No. 7 (“Supplement No. 60”) with the Commission. Supplement No.60, if approved by the Commission, would provide the Company with a general rate increase of \$773,210 per year.

On May 15, 2013, the OSBA filed a Complaint against Supplement No. 60.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF WITNESSES AND TENTATIVE ISSUES

Assisting in the development and presentation of the OSBA’s case in this proceeding will be:

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After an initial review of the materials submitted by the Company, the OSBA has identified the following issues:

1. Whether Columbia’s proposed increase of 19.2%, is appropriate, just, and reasonable.
2. Whether Columbia’s proposed return on equity is just and reasonable.

The OSBA reserves the right to pursue additional issues as they arise throughout the proceeding.

The OSBA will participate in this case to ensure that the interests of small business customers of the Company are adequately represented and protected.

IV. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

The OSBA requests that all parties serve a hard copy of any document filed in this case upon the OSBA and the OSBA witness identified above. In addition to hard copies of pleadings, briefs, and exceptions, the OSBA requests hard copies of responses to discovery propounded by the OSBA or any other party. Service by electronic mail only is not acceptable.

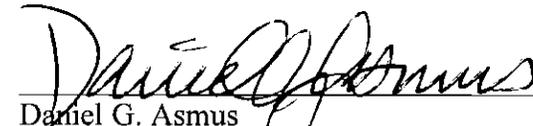
V. SETTLEMENT

The OSBA notes its willingness to enter into settlement discussions at the appropriate phase of this proceeding and will actively participate in the scheduled mediation.

VI. HEARING AND BRIEFING SCHEDULE

The OSBA is willing to address a procedural schedule with other parties to this proceeding. If this case does go to litigation, in light of the Governor's desire to limit the travel of State Offices under his jurisdiction, the OSBA respectfully requests that any evidentiary hearings take place in Harrisburg.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dated: June 26, 2013

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Columbia Water Company, Tariff Water - :
Pa. PUC No. 7 - Filing for Increase in Rates for : Docket No. R-2013-2360798
Columbia Division :**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am serving two copies of the Prehearing Memorandum, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate, by e-filing, e-mail, and/or first-class mail (unless otherwise noted) upon the persons addressed below:

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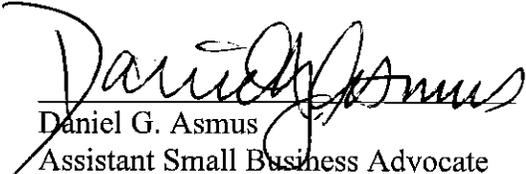
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