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April 22, 2016

Via Electronic Filing and Hand Delivery

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street – Second Floor North
PO Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc.; Docket Number R-2016-2538660
VERIFICATION OF NOTICE AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on behalf of Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CUPA) are the original Affidavits indicating publication of the above-referenced rate filing in the local newspaper, and through customer mailings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (717) 236-1300.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Sniscak
Christopher M. Arfaf
William E. Lehman
Counsel for
Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc.

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Enclosures

AFFIDAVIT

I, Robert Guttormsen, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers related to the proposed increase in water rates for Utilities, Inc. – Westgate, which is a service territory within Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc., and the attached Press Release on the proposed increase was provided to The Express Times and The Morning Call newspapers.

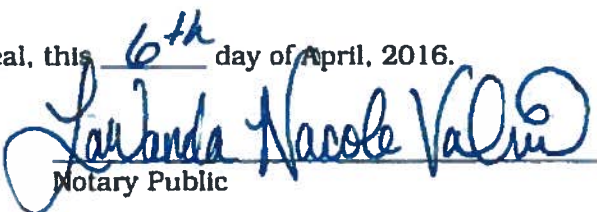
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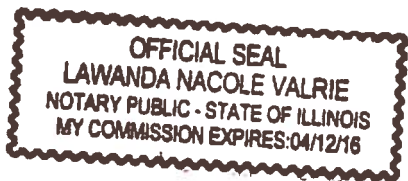
BY: 

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.

The above named person, Robert Guttormsen, personally appeared before me this day and being, first duly sworn, says that the required notice was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 52 Pa. Code Section 53.45.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 6th day of April, 2016.


Notary Public



2335 Sanders Rd, Northbrook IL 60062
Address

My Commission Expires:

April 12th, 2016

AFFIDAVIT

I, Robert Guttormsen, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers related to the proposed increase in water rates for Penn Estates Utilities, Inc. – Water Division, which is a service territory within Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc., and the attached Press Release on the proposed increase was provided to The Pocono Record newspaper.

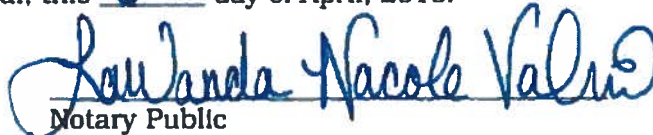
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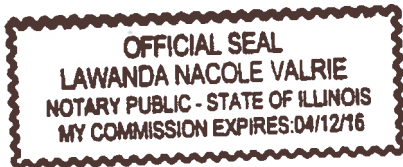
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

To Our Customers:

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. ("Company") is filing a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to increase water rates for its Utilities, Inc. - Westgate service territory as of June 5, 2016. This notice describes the Company's rate request, the PUC's role, and what actions you can take.

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. has requested an overall revenue increase of \$427,817 per year. If the Company's entire request is approved, the total bill for a residential customer in the Utilities Inc. - Westgate service territory using 4,000 gallons would increase from \$40.36 to \$46.61 per month or by 15.50%.

The total bill for a commercial customer using 20,000 gallons would increase from \$166.51 to \$177.26 per month or by 6.46%.

To find out your customer class or how the requested increase may affect your water bill, contact Community Utilities at (800) 638-0262. The rates requested by the Company may be found in the supplement to Water Tariff PA P.U.C. No. 1. You may examine the material filed with the PUC which explains the requested increase and the reasons for it. A copy of this material is kept at the following office:

Utilities, Inc. - Westgate
1403 Statten Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18017

The state agency which approves rates for public utilities is the PUC. The PUC will examine the requested rate increase and can prevent existing rates from changing until it investigates and/or holds hearings on the request. The company must prove that the requested rates are reasonable. After examining the evidence, the PUC may grant all, some, or none of the request or may reduce existing rates.

The PUC may change the amount of the rate increase requested by the utility for each customer class. As a result, the rate charged to you may be different than the rate requested by the company and shown above.

There are three ways to challenge a company's request to change its rates:

1. You can file a formal complaint. If you want a hearing before a judge, you must file a formal complaint. By filing a formal complaint, you assure yourself the opportunity to take part in hearings about the rate increase request. All complaints should be filed with the PUC before (proposed effective date of the rate increase). If no formal complaints are filed, the Commission may grant all, some or none of the request without holding a hearing before a judge.
2. You can send the PUC a letter telling why you object to the requested rate increase. Sometimes there is information in these letters that makes them aware of problems with the company's service or management. This information can be helpful when they investigate the rate request. Send your letter or request for a formal complaint form to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Post Office Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265.
3. You can be a witness at a public input hearing. Public input hearings are held if the Commission opens an investigation of the company's rate increase request and if there is a large number of customers interested in the case. At these hearings you have the opportunity to present your views in person to the PUC judge hearing the case and the company representatives. All testimony given "under oath" becomes part of the official rate case record. These hearings are held in the service area of the company.

For more information, call the PUC at 1-800-692-7380. You may leave your name and address so you can be notified of any public input hearings that may be scheduled in this case.

BACKGROUND

Your current existing rates are based on costs and capital expenditures through December 31, 2008. Since that time Utilities, Inc. - Westgate has continued to make investments to maintain the quality and reliability of your water. The proposed increase is needed to recover the costs of these improvements and to reflect the increased costs of providing quality service. Together we share the goal of a safe, dependable supply of potable water at the lowest possible price and consistent with prudent business practices.

Utilities Inc. – Westgate has added approximately \$150,000 in plant and experienced a 42% increase in operating and maintenance costs (“O&M”) from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2015. Further, the Company projects that O&M costs will increase by approximately 8% by December 31, 2017. Utilities Inc. – Westgate also has a plan in place for valve replacement projects to take place in 2016 and 2017. The replacement of valves will enable us to isolate the distribution system to a smaller portion of customers during water main breaks so that not as many customers will be without water while repairs are made.

We understand that there is never a good time for a rate increase. The rates we have requested are based on the actual costs of providing water service. As a public utility, we have an obligation to continue to deliver clean, reliable service at the lowest reasonable cost. We welcome any feedback from our customers, whether it is about our proposed rates or about our services. Please contact Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. at (800) 638-0262.

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

To Our Customers:

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. ("Company") is filing a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to increase water rates for its Penn Estate Utilities, Inc. service territory as of June 5, 2016. This notice describes the Company's rate request, the PUC's role, and what actions you can take.

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. has requested an overall rate increase of \$427,817 per year. If the Company's entire request is approved, the total bill for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons would increase from \$30.75 to \$40.54 per month or by 31.82%.

The total bill for a commercial customer using 20,000 gallons would increase from \$147.34 to \$177.26 per month or by 20.31%.

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Penn Estates Utilities, Inc.
570 Hallet Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

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BACKGROUND

Your current existing rates are based on costs and capital expenditures through August 31, 2011. Since that time Penn Estates Utilities, Inc. has continued to make investments to maintain the quality and reliability of your water. The proposed increase is needed to recover the costs of these improvements and to reflect the increased costs of providing quality service. Together we share the goal of a safe, dependable supply of potable water at the lowest possible price and consistent with prudent business practices.

Penn Estates Utilities, Inc. has added approximately \$500,000 in plant and experienced an approximately 13% increase in operating and maintenance costs ("O&M") from August 31, 2011 to December 31, 2015. Penn Estates Utilities, Inc. also has a plan in place to paint two water storage tanks and install automatic meter readers in 2017.

We understand that there is never a good time for a rate increase. The rates we have requested are based on the actual costs of providing water service. As a public utility, we have an obligation to continue to deliver clean, reliable service at the lowest reasonable cost. We welcome any feedback from our customers, whether it is about our proposed rates or about our services. Please contact Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. at (800) 638-0262.

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.



**Press Release on Proposed Rate Change
to the Service Territories Within Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.
(Utilities, Inc. - Westgate)**

Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. ("Company") has filed a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") on April 6, 2016 to modify its rates for water service as of June 5, 2016. The Company's filing with the Commission proposes to increase its annual water revenue by \$427,817. If the Company's entire request is approved, the total bill for a residential customer in the Utilities, Inc. - Westgate service territory using 4,000 gallons would increase from \$40.36 to \$46.61 per month or by 15.50%. The total bill for a commercial customer using 20,000 gallons would increase from \$166.51 to \$177.26 per month or by 6.46%.

Parties interested in obtaining more information regarding the Company's request and to find out what actions may be taken please contact Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. at (800) 638-0262. The rates requested by the Company may be found in supplement to Water Tariff PA P.U.C. No. 1. Interested parties may examine the material filed with the Commission at the following local business office; Utilities, Inc. - Westgate 1403 Statten Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017.



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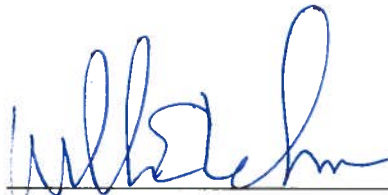
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

Service Via First Class Mail:

Phillip C. Kirchner
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
phikirchne@pa.gov

Christine Maloni Hoover
Kristine E. Marsilio
Office of Consumer Advocate
555 Walnut Street
Forum Place, 5th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1921
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Dated this 22nd day of April, 2016