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

VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

RE: Complaints of the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate re: City of DuBois - Bureau of Water; Docket Nos. R-2016-2554150, C-2016-2556376, and C-2016-2556342

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that this matter involves a rate proceeding and, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.61(d), the City of DuBois – Bureau of Water ("Bureau") will not be filing Answers to the Complaints filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") and the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") in the above-referenced dockets.

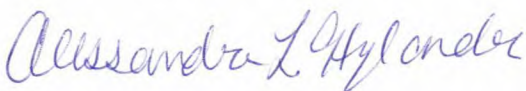
On June 30, 2016, the Bureau filed documents and supporting information proposing to implement an overall rate increase of \$257,604 per year in the Bureau's water rates ("the Base Rate Filing"). On July 14, 2016, the OCA and OSBA each served a separate Complaint upon the Bureau regarding its Base Rate Filing.

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.61(d), the Bureau has elected not to answer the OCA and OSBA's Complaints against the Base Rate Filing because it views them as Complaints in a rate case. Please contact me if the PUC believes that the Bureau should answer the aforementioned Complaints.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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c: Hon. Charles E. Rainey, Jr.
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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 participants listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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Dated this 25th day of July, 2016, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.