**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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| PA Public Utility Commission  Office of Consumer Advocate  Guillermo Barbosa  Erle Grubb  Yvette Lawson  Adrian and Diane Martenco  John Litak  v.  Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. (Water Division) | :  :  :  :  :  : | R-2016-2538660  C-2016-2540738  C-2016-2548235  C-2016-2548262  C-2016-2549382  C-2016-2549995  C-2016-2556961 |

**ORDER SUSPENDING LITIGATION SCHEDULE**

On June 8, 2016, I conducted a telephonic prehearing conference in the above-captioned case. As a result of the prehearing conference, I issued Prehearing Order #2 on June 15, 2016, which established a litigation schedule, scheduled hearings on this matter for August 23-24, 2016, and directed the parties to file main briefs and reply briefs on or before September 13, 2016 and September 22, 2016, respectively.

On July 22, 2016, I received an e-mail from counsel for Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc. (Community Utilities) informing me that Community Utilities, Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) have reached an agreement in principle settling all the issues in this proceeding and requesting that I suspend the litigation September 13, 2016. At this time it is appropriate to suspend the litigation schedule and cancel the hearings scheduled for August 23-24, 2016.

It is common practice to send a cover letter and the settlement to all parties who either did not sign it or did not participate in the settlement negotiations. The formal Complainants are given the following options: sign the signature page if they agree with the settlement; send a

letter stating that they do not want to sign the Settlement, but will not actively oppose it; or send correspondence objecting to or commenting on the Settlement. The letters should also be sent to counsel for Community Utilities, I&E and OCA. My address is:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

801 Market Street, Suite 4063

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I will review the objections to and comments regarding the settlement to determine whether a hearing is necessary.

If no hearing is held, the parties will stipulate the evidence into the record. Subsequently, I will write a Recommended Decision concerning the Settlement.

I will suspend the litigation schedule set forth in Prehearing Order #2 and cancel the hearings scheduled for August 23-24, 2016.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the litigation schedule set forth in paragraph 11 of Prehearing Order #2 issued on June 15, 2016 in this proceeding is suspended.

2. That the hearings scheduled for August 23-24, 2016 in this proceeding are cancelled.

3. That the parties, other than Community Utilities, OCA and I&E, should review the settlement, and within ten days of receiving the settlement, send the presiding officer a

signature page, a letter stating that they do not want to sign the Settlement, but will not actively oppose it; or send correspondence objecting to or commenting on the Settlement.

4. That the parties shall comply with the procedural rules and regulations discussed herein.

Date: August 18, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Eranda Vero

Administrative Law Judge

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