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Re: Pa. Public Utility Commission,

Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement

V.

North Heidelberg Sewer Company Docket No. P-2017-2594688

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing are the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

cc:

Honorable Elizabeth H. Barnes, Administrative Law Judge

Office of Special Assistants

Office of Technical Utility Services (E-mail only)

Certificate of Service

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 28th day of March, 2017.

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pa. Public Utility Commission,

Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement

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Docket No. P-2017-2594688

North Heidelberg Sewer Company

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Section 5.71(a) and 71 P.S. § 309-4, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 28, 2017

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file a Notice of Intervention and participate in this proceeding before the Commission involving an exparte emergency order issued in response to a Petition filed by the Bureau of Investigation (I&E) regarding North Heidelberg Sewer Company (North Heidelberg or Company).

On March 21, 2017, I&E filed a Petition for an Emergency Order related to North Heidelberg and Metropolitan Edison Company (MetEd). I&E sought an emergency order because North Heidelberg had received a termination notice from MetEd. North Heidelberg has a large arrearage and, according to I&E, has failed to make payment for electric service. Petition at 5. I&E requested the Commission act to ensure continued wastewater service to North Heidelberg's customers.

The OCA will participate in this proceeding to protect the interests of North Heidelberg's and MetEd's customers. The OCA will seek to ensure that a resolution is found that is in accordance with applicable statutes and maintains service to North Heidelberg's customers.

North Heidelberg provides sewer service to approximately 253 customers in portions of North Heidelberg Township and Jefferson Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.