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OBJECTIONS PAGE

Please sign this sheet if you would like to **oppose** the Joint PUC for Settlement signed by Pennsylvania American Water Co., the PUC's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and other active parties in the case of Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Pennsylvania American Water Co., Docket No. R-2017-2595853. **You are encouraged to provide written comments below and/or attach additional pages**, setting forth any facts and explanation for your objections.

By adding my signature below, I am indicating that I have read the terms of the Settlement Agreement and wish to OPPOSE the Settlement. I understand that I may file objections (below and/or by attachment to this Objections Page) to the Settlement and exceptions to a Recommended Decision and that my complaint will be resolved as part of the PUC order resolving this case.

Virginia H Cozzi
Please Print Your Full Name

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Please Sign Your Full Name

Date: 10/23/17

Please Write Your Address Here:

2213 Scarborough Way
Bushkill, PA
18324

Docket Number of Your Complaint

C-2017-2608986

Objections:

Dear Sir,

My reasons for objecting to the proposal set forth by the Pennsylvania American Water Company are twofold.

First, we already pay extremely high water rates where I live in Saw Creek Estates, Bushkill, PA, Monroe County (perhaps the highest in the state?) to a company that is a monopoly. We cannot live without water, and this provider is our only choice unlike other utilities. They began this negotiation process as others do- high at 16.4%, and so when they offer 9.41%, it looks good, but it is still too high. This leads me to my second objection.

Like most senior citizens, my income has not increased in many years unlike my utility bills which increase on a regular basis. Likewise, I believe that most working people in our state do not receive salary increases over 2%, if that. Paying water bills has become a real hardship at the present time; another increase of 9.41% will make it almost impossible to keep up.

I realize that PA Water is a for-profit company and it must satisfy its stockholders and recoup the investment it makes in its infrastructure, but I think its costs should be spread out over more time instead of breaking the backs of its consumers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter,