PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

Implementation of Chapter 32 of the Public Utility Code re Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority

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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER NORMAN J. KENNARD

Today's action by the Commission to issue a final implementation order is the perfect occasion to recognize the hard work that has been accomplished so far. I would like to especially thank the many men and women of the Commission who have spent hundreds of hours in preparation for the launch of the Commission's jurisdiction over the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA). Today, we set the stage for addressing the service and financial issues that plague PWSA, first with a rate-setting process in June, followed by a plan of compliance in September.

I also would like to thank the people of Pittsburgh, who have rallied together in support of these changes, as well as the executive team and employees at PWSA for their commitment in taking those challenges head-on. If the recent months have shown us anything, it is that there is a new palpable sense of hope in Pittsburgh for a modern, efficient, and robust PWSA.

I wish to commend this spirit of optimism and community spirit. It is an honor and a privilege to be associated with such a dedicated, creative, and hardworking team. Now the hard work begins.

Date: March 15, 2018

NORMAN J. KENNARD COMMISSIONER