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Re: PUC Docket Number: A-2018-3004933

Attn: Commission Secretary:

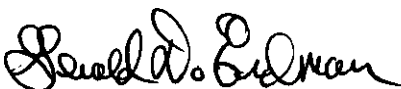
I object to proposed settlement for two (2) reasons:

1. Current PUC filing projection shows about a 1.6X factor for average residential customer, an increase of about \$26.73/mo. (\$321/y). If rate hike is 1.8 times average residential rate increases from \$44.33/mo. (\$532/y) to \$79.79 (\$958/y). Pennsylvania American Water Company's (PAWC's) original rate base addition request was for \$96 million (USD) – a very significant addition to existing base rate. The proposed large rate increase can have a major impact on commercial and industrial accounts as well.
2. PUC filing indicates PAWC is targeting a \$6 million (USD) savings on a Coatesville waste treatment facility enabled by leveraging sludge drying capacity at Exeter's wastewater facility; this requires significant hauling, backhauling, drying fuel, etc., and raises concern about overall safety from potentially 1) different pollutants, 2) significant additional truck traffic in the township (as well as schedule of same), and 3) Exeter's total cost for using their facility's drying equipment to process non-township waste sludge.

With very limited time between the PUC filing date and the cut-off date for customer comments, there is no ability to perform a comprehensive follow-up analysis that reinforces (or rejects) the two (2) forgoing concerns. After I've had an opportunity to complete an assessment, I will modify my positions if supported by the assessment's findings.

Thank you in advance for your time & attention to my comments.

Best Regards,

  
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