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To whom it may Concern,

This letter is regarding Pennsylvania American Water proposed acquisition of Exeter Township wastewater systems and associated rate base addition (Docket No. A-20183004933).

I object to the proposed acquisition and rate increase due the amount of the potential rate increase. Per the notice, a resident using 3,630 gal/month will have a potential increase of \$26.73 – over 60% increase from current monthly bill. Does the technology for treating the same 3,630 gallons as the last month change, are more chemicals required, control system and equipment upgrades needed from one month to another?

There is no reason why a customer would suddenly be paying 60% more. If anything, the rate should stay at or decrease as a result of economies of scale. Pennsylvania American Water as a larger entity should be able to leverage their assets to get better rates on everything from chemicals to employee benefits thus reducing the operating costs.

I can understand, rate increases resulting from normal plant and equipment operating needs but 60% is excessive. The way I see it we, the customers, have paid taxes and sewage bills have basically paid for the plant and now are being made to pay for the same plant to benefit Pennsylvania American Water.

It is also my understanding, which has not been conveyed to customers, there will also be a rate increase to current Pennsylvania American Water water customers. Why State legislation would pass laws to allow Pennsylvania American Water and similar companies to bury costs and rate increases among their various operations, I can't understand but this will result another win for Pennsylvania American Water at the expense of the end users both residential and commercial (businesses will in turn pass on the rate increases to the customer). Thus, the residents and customers in these impacted municipalities can not only look forward to higher rates from Pennsylvania American Water but also the local business they may utilize.

I have no issue with the acquisition if Pennsylvania American Water had in the past been an efficient and profitable company with plenty of capital to purchase these plants and then required a reasonable rate increase to cover maintenance and operating cost however this 60% rate is making the consumers purchase plants for Pennsylvania American Water so they can then make more money from the consumer. This is no different then Ford wanting to purchase Chevy and requiring all existing Ford car owners to suddenly pay 60% more for a car they already own.


Requiring consumers to purchase plants on behalf of Pennsylvania American Water is wrong, if Pennsylvania American Water has the capital or the ability to get the required funds for the acquisition then more power to them. However, the consumers should not be Pennsylvania American Water's preferred banker providing 0% loans and additional funds, in the name of rate increases, whenever Pennsylvania American Water would like to purchase another plant.

Please consider this letter in your review and I ask that you see this acquisition, in its current state, not benefiting the residents of Exeter or any other municipality which will see their rates increase whenever

Pennsylvania American Water feels the need to acquire another plant and kindly request that you oppose the acquisition and 60% rate increase.

Regards,

Jose DaSilva
Exeter Resident



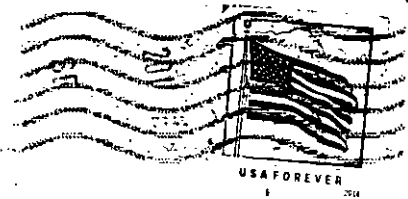
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