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July 18, 2019

Secretary Bureau  
Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Bldg  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: PUC Docket Number A-2018-3004933**

We are writing to protest the transfer of the Exeter township wastewater system assets and the proposed rate increase requested by Pennsylvania American Water Co. Exeter township's proposed transfer of these assets was presented to the township residents as a concept that would provide economic benefit to Exeter Township residents. It now appears that the proposed transfer will not provide any economic benefit to the Exeter residents and will actually result in a significant financial burden. In 2019, Exeter raised sewer rates by 29% as part of the sale negotiations. Now Pennsylvania America Water Co is proposing an additional 80% solely based upon a "reasonable" return on their investment. This proposed rate increase has no justification based upon operating cost of the Exeter Township wastewater collection and treatment systems and would not be necessary if these assets would continue to be owned and operated by Exeter Township.

The transfer of the Exeter Township wastewater system assets to the Pennsylvania American Water Co is not in the best interest of the residents of Exeter township and we request that the PUC does not allow this action to proceed. Furthermore, the rate increase request by Pennsylvania American Water Co. of 80% is unreasonable and places an unnecessary financial burden of the Exeter residents and businesses and should not be granted.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Hart

  
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cc: Honorable Andrew M. Calvelli  
Exeter Township Supervisors

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