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PUC Docket Number A-2018-3004933

Dear Sir,

I am submitting a letter of objection to the sale of the Exeter Township Wastewater System to American Water.

As a resident of the township my concerns are great for not only myself but for others living within this township also. After a bit of research I learned that all sewer fees collected from residents by a township are required to only go back into that fund. This money can only be used for the operation of the system, purchase of equipment associated with the system, and repairs. It cannot be spent elsewhere. To me, this system helps to prevent misuse of funds so that monies are available as needed and thus not requiring the raising of fees for the residents as often.

Once our wastewater treatment facility is owned by a for-profit company the sky will be the limit as to how high our fees can go. The company will need to keep their stockholders happy. Additionally, there is no guarantee as to quality control once out of the hands of the township. I have read that so many townships had great regrets a year or two down the road once their system has been sold. Once it is gone, there is no control and no going back.

I know there are many others that feel this way. I attended our township meeting when this deal was being discussed and then voted upon by the supervisors. So many residents attended and spoke in opposition but the supervisors went through with the deal irregardless to what the residents had to say. Our fees were raised 87% in May, 2017, now in 2 short years they are going to dramatically rise again. For seniors on a fixed income this is going to present an almost unbearable hardship.

I'm not sure that anything can be done at this point since the township has already voted and decided to go through with this deal. However, there is always hope that somehow this transaction, which many Exeter township residents believe to be a move in the wrong direction, can be stopped.

Thanks very much for giving me the opportunity to express my feelings and concerns.

Sincerely,



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Exeter Township
Reading, PA 19606

Cc: Honorable Andrew M. Calvelli
Office of Administrative Law Judge
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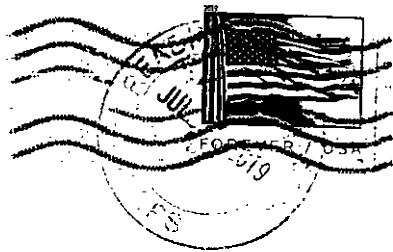
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