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August 21, 2019

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re:

Indian Springs Water Company Docket No. M-2019-3011972

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Indian Springs Water Company

Docket No. M-2019-3011972

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 21st day of August 2019.

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# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Indian Springs Water Company	:	Docket No. M-2019-3011972
NOTIC	E OF INTERVE	ENTION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Section 5.71(a) and 71 P.S. § 309-4, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

Christine Maloni Hoover Erin L. Gannon Senior Assistant Consumer Advocates Office of Attorney General Office of Consumer Advocate 555 Walnut Street 5th Floor, Forum Place Harrisburg, PA 17101-1923

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Maloni Hoover

Senior Assistant Consumer Advocate

DATED:

August 21, 2019

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# PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Acting Consumer Advocate determined to file an Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving the Indian Springs Water Company (Indian Springs).

By Order entered August 8, 2019, the Commission appointed a receiver, Pennsylvania-American Water Company (PAWC), to take over control and management of Indian Springs. On August 16, 2019, Indian Springs' counsel filed a Letter Petition requesting an expedited hearing in this matter.

The Office of Consumer Advocate will participate in this proceeding to ensure that adequate service is provided to existing Indian Springs' customers at just and reasonable rates and in accordance with applicable statutes, and that the receivership by PAWC is conducted in a manner that provides all necessary and proper customer protections which are justified, reasonable, and in accordance with sound ratemaking principles and the Public Utility Code.

Indian Springs provides water service to 54 customers in the Township of Fairview, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. As of December 31, 2018, PAWC provides water service to more than 607,000 water customers.