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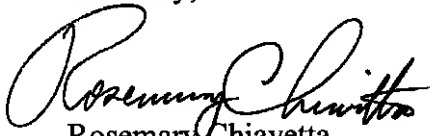
RE: Applications of Aqua America and
Peoples Natural Gas Company
Docket Number A-2018-3006063 and
Docket Number A-2018-3006062 (Equitable Division)

Dear Representative Snyder:

Thank you for a copy of your letter dated August 22, 2019 to Small Business Advocate John Evans regarding the above captioned Applications, which was copied to Chairman Brown Dutrieuille of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Since this matter is still pending before the Commission, and due to the statutory prohibition on ex-parte communications at 66 Pa. C.S. Section 334(c), please be advised that I am serving a copy of your letter to all of the parties of record to this case, and placing your letter on the record at the above docket numbers.

Sincerely,


Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary of the Commission

CC: All Parties of Record
June Perry, PUC Legislative Director

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August 22, 2019

Hon. John R. Evans
Office of Small Business Advocate
300 North Second Street, Suite 202
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Goodwin Tombaugh

Dear Advocate Evans:

Thank you for taking the time out of your schedule to discuss the future of the Goodwin Tombaugh natural gas gathering system that runs through my legislative district. I appreciate you listening to my concerns and sharing your point of view. However, I still have significant concerns about the status of the system.

My constituents are still in immediate danger due to the large amounts of unaccounted for gas leaking from the system and into the earth. While it seems that this has been known for the last several years by the PUC, OSBA, and other institutions, it has just been brought to my attention in the last several weeks. A solution to address this threat as quickly as possible is paramount. We cannot afford another house explosion like the one that occurred November 1, 2018 just over the hill from my very own home.

The repair of the Goodwin Tombaugh system that serves over 1,000 of my constituents is of utmost importance. This system serves the natural gas needs of residents, churches, and small businesses that you represent as the Small Business Advocate. I strongly believe the proposed solution to guarantee that my constituents and businesses in my district will retain their natural gas service and correct this horrifying safety issue should be agreed to by all parties.

As stated in OSBA's main brief, OSBA believes this proposal to fix the system "is an **affirmative public detriment**" and supports only a solution that passes the economic test as agreed to in the 2013 Peoples/Equitable settlement. Based on the results of the assessments, Peoples examined options and scenarios for additional analysis, and determined that only one scenario (Scenario 3) would meet the economic test.

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“Under Scenario 3, Peoples would retain 66 miles (40 miles of bare steel) and 732 customers (43%) and abandon 325 miles (280 miles of bare steel) and convert 972 customers (57%) to alternative fuel sources.” - OSBA Main Brief at 23.

Under no circumstances do I believe any person or institution advocating on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania should agree to abandonment of any public utility services. While you stated during our conversation that your office is not supporting a solution with abandonment, but I’m concerned the public record reflects a different story.

I appreciate your concerns with the failure to find a solution as agreed upon in the 2013 Peoples/Equitable settlement. Had I known about these issues at the time, I would have gotten involved then to make sure that they were addressed. Now the system’s problems have increased, and more gas is leaking out than six years ago.

There is a new solution on the table proposed by a new company to make this right. I urge you to reconsider your position so that this system can be repaired, my constituents can continue receiving their natural gas service, and the threat of more explosions is eliminated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Snyder
State Representative
50th Legislative District

cc: Hon. Tom Wolf, Governor
Hon. Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, PUC Chairman