**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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**FIFTH INTERIM ORDER**

**ADMITTING NON-UNANIMOUS SETTLEMENT AND STIPULATIONS**

 **INTO THE RECORD AND CLOSING THE RECORD**

 On April 29, 2020, Pennsylvania-American Water Company (PAWC) initiated a general base rate case by filing Supplement No. 19 to Tariff Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 5 and Supplement No. 19 to Tariff Wastewater – Pa. P.U.C. No. 16, requesting that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) approve an increase in its total annual operating revenues. Numerous complaints and petitions to intervene were filed in opposition to the requested revenue increase and consolidated at Docket No. R-2020-3019369.

 On May 21, 2020, pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. §1308(d), the Commission suspended

PAWC’s general base rate increase filing by operation of law until January 28, 2021, and instituted an investigation to determine the lawfulness, justness and reasonableness of the Company’s existing and proposed rates, rules, and regulations.

 On May 22, 2020, the case was assigned to me for the scheduling of hearings culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

On October 23, 2020, a prehearing conference was held in this case, during which PAWC requested permission to file two late exhibits concerning proof of its acquisition of Winola Water Company and Delaware Sewer Company. There being no objection, PAWC’s request was granted. Tr. 567-569. On October 27 and 28, 2020, evidentiary hearings were held in this proceeding.

 On October 30, 2020, PAWC, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and the Pennsylvania-American Water Large Users Group, Joint Petitioners, filed a Joint Petition for Non-Unanimous Settlement of Rate Investigation, seeking Commission approval of the Non-Unanimous Settlement.

 On October 30, 2020, PAWC and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA), an intervenor, filed a Joint Stipulation (CAUSE-PA Stipulation 1) addressing issues raised by CAUSE-PA in this proceeding.

 On November 13, 2020, PAWC and the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO), another intervenor, filed a Joint Stipulation (CEO Stipulation) addressing issued raised by CEO in this proceeding. Also, on November 13, 2020, PAWC and CAUSE-PA filed a second Stipulation (CAUSE-PA Stipulation 2).

By letter dated December 10, 2020, counsel for PAWC informed me that closing on its acquisition of Winola Water Company was scheduled for December 17, 2020, and PAWC expected to file proof of the acquisition as an exhibit by December 18, 2020. However, closing on PAWC’s acquisition of Delaware Sewer Company would not be completed by the end of 2020.

 By the close of busines on December 18, 2020, PAWC had not filed proof of its acquisition of Winola Water Company, as a late-filed exhibit.

 No further hearings are to be scheduled or held in this proceeding.

THEREFORE,

 IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Petition for Non-Unanimous Settlement of Rate Investigation filed in this proceeding by the Pennsylvania-American Water Company, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and the Pennsylvania-American Water Large Users Group is admitted into the record.
2. That CAUSE-PA Stipulation 1 and CAUSE-PA Stipulation 2 filed in this proceeding by the Pennsylvania-American Water Company and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania are admitted into the record.
3. That CEO Stipulation 1 filed in this proceeding by the Pennsylvania-American Water Company and the Commission on Economic Opportunity is admitted into the record.

~~4.~~ That the record at Docket No. R-2020-3019369 is closed.

5. That a Recommended Decision in this proceeding shall be prepared and issued.



Dated: December 21, 2020

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