*VIA ELECTRONIC SERVICE ONLY DUE TO EMERGENCY ORDER AT M-2020-3019262*

**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, *et al* : R-2020-3019612

: C-2020-3021049

v. :

:

Reynolds Disposal Company :

**INTERIM ORDER**

**NOT ADMITTING FEBRUARY 17 2021 CORRESPONDENCE INTO THE RECORD**

On December 14, 2020, an Interim Order was entered directing the parties to file their Settlement and statements in support of the settlement on or before January 22, 2021. The Order further directed RDC to serve a copy of the Settlement upon each self-represented complainant. Additionally, the Order provided that any self-represented complainant may submit objections to or comments regarding the joint petition for settlement. The Order provided that any comments or objections must be e-filed with the Commission’s Secretary’s Bureau or emailed to the undersigned no later than February 3, 2021. Finally, the Order directed that responses to comments were due on February 10, 2021.

The Settlement was filed on January 22, 2021 with the Company, I&E, OCA, and OSBA (Joint Petitioners or Settling Parties) as signatories.

On February 1, 2021, the undesigned received comments to the Settlement from complainant Margaret Foust by email. The other parties were not copied on the email. Therefore, the undersigned issued an Order on February 2, 2021 which provided a copy of Ms.

Foust’s comments to the parties. No other comments to the Settlement were filed or received by the undersigned.

On February 10, 2021, the Company filed a reply to customer comments.

On February 17, 2021, the undersigned received email correspondence from a *pro se* complainant in this matter. This correspondence was styled as a reply to the Company’s response to the complainant’s comments to the Settlement. The December 14, 2020 Order did not allow for such a filing.

The presiding officer has the authority to exclude irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitive evidence and has the power to otherwise regulate the course of the proceeding.[[1]](#footnote-1) The Complainant’s correspondence to the Company’s reply is repetitive as it simply contains her opinion regarding the proposed Settlement.

The February 17, 2021 correspondence is not admitted into the record and will not be considered by the undersigned in the preparation of the Recommended Decision in this matter. It is attached to this Order as Attachment A solely for the purpose of ensuring it does not constitute *ex parte* communication.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the February 17, 2021 correspondence submitted by Nancy Morgart to the undersigned and attached to this Order is not admitted into the record.

Date: February 18, 2021 /s/

Emily I. DeVoe

Administrative Law Judge

Attachment A

February 17, 2021

Honorable Judge Devoe   
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RE: Docket No. R-2020-3019612

PAPUC et al. vs Reynolds Disposal Company

Dear Judge DeVoe, Counsel, and Customer Complainants,

I am customer complainant C-2020-3020952, Margaret Foust. I am replying to Mr. Niesen’s response to my objection concerning the proposed customer rate increase.

It is gravely discerning that the PUC has approved a SUBSTANTIAL customer rate increase AND, IN ADDITION, the Reynolds Disposal Company will be receiving $280,000 in unexpected grant monies in July. YET, Mr. Neisen stated the company WILL NOT adjust the heavy financial burden on its customers accordingly. THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF GROTESQUE CORPORATE GREED.

Mr. Niesen stated in his reply to my objection that the July 2020 Pymatuning Township meeting with Brad Gosser is not a part of this proceeding. Irregardless, Mr. Gosser stated that grants “take too long,” but should a grant become available, he will adjust the rate increase accordingly. I implore Reynolds Disposal Company to lower the customer rate increase due to the fact that a $280,000 grant has become available to the company. I suggest Phase 3 of the rate increase be eliminated.

Sincerely.

Margaret Foust

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1. 52 Pa.Code § 5.483. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)