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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
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Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
v.  
Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority  
Docket Nos. R-2023-3039920 (Water)  
R-2023-3039921 (Wastewater)  
R-2023-3039919 (Stormwater)

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

On May 9, 2023, in conjunction with its water, wastewater, and stormwater rate filings seeking an overall multi-year rate revenue request of \$146.1 million, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) also filed a Petition for Consolidation of Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Proceedings and for Authorization to Use Combined Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Revenue Requirements (Consolidation Petition). In its Petition, PWSA requests the Commission's permission to do the following: (1) consolidate its water base rate proceeding, docketed at R-2023-309920, its wastewater rate proceeding, docketed at R-2023-3039921, and its stormwater rate proceeding, docketed at R-2023-3039919 into a single proceeding; and (2) allow PWSA to use a consolidated water/wastewater revenue requirement in the single proceeding for the requested base rate increases. Petition at ¶¶ 8,11.

Please allow this letter to serve as notice that the OCA does not oppose PWSA's Consolidation Petition. Despite OCA's non-opposition, an important caveat exists. Specifically, the OCA's support should not be construed to operate as assent to PWSA's request for rate relief, the reasonableness or prudence of any costs it seeks, or any claims it is making. On the contrary, and consistent with Paragraph 15 of PWSA's Petition, issues of reasonableness, prudence, and appropriateness of any rate relief and allocation pursuant to Section 1311(c), are issues that are, and must remain, preserved for resolution before the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (717) 599-8954.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission : Docket Nos. R-2023-3039919 (SW)  
v. : R-2023-3039920 (W)  
Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority : R-2023-3039921 (WW)

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Letter Re: Non-Opposition to PWSA's Consolidation Petition, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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