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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street  
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Re: Petition of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer  
Authority for Authorization to Increase Water and  
Wastewater DSIC Charge Caps to 7.5%  
Docket Nos. P-2023-3040734 (Water)  
P-2023-3040735 (Wastewater)

Petition of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer  
Authority for Authorization to Implement a  
Customer Assistance Charge  
Docket No. P-2023-3040578

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority  
Docket Nos. R-2023-3039919 (Stormwater)  
R-2023-3039920 (Water)  
R-2023-3039921 (Wastewater)

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

On May 23, 2023, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) filed a Petition to Consolidate the DSIC Increase Petition and Customer Assistance Charge Petition with Base Rate Filings for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater (DSIC and CAC Consolidation Petition). DSIC and CAC Consolidation Petition at ¶¶ 1, 2. Previously, on May 9, 2023, PWSA filed its water, wastewater, and stormwater rate filings seeking an overall multi-year rate revenue request of \$146.1 million and also filed two Petitions: (1) for authorization to increase the Authority's water and wastewater Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) to 7.5% (DSIC Petition) and (2) Petition for Authorization to Implement a Customer Assistance Charge (CAC Petition). DSIC and CAC Consolidation Petition at ¶¶ 1, 2. In its DSIC and CAC Consolidation Petition, PWSA requests the Commission's permission to consolidate the DSIC Petition and the CAC Petition with its Rate Filings for water, wastewater, and stormwater. Petition at ¶¶ 7-9.

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Please allow this letter to serve as notice that the OCA does not oppose PWSA's DSIC and CAC Consolidation Petition.

Copies of this letter have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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