

**Individual Sign-On Public Comment - PUC Tentative Supplemental  
Implementation Order – Valuation of Acquired Municipal and Wastewater systems  
– Act 12 of 2016 Implementation**

Docket: M-2016- 2543193

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Dear Commissioners:

We, the undersigned 415 Pennsylvanian residents, ask you to stop predatory water system pricing and improve transparency in water and sewer privatizations.

We respectfully request the following improvements to the supplemental implementation order for the valuation of acquired municipal water and wastewater systems under Act 12 of 2016.

**(1) Stop predatory water system pricing.** You should not allow large corporations to increase water and sewer prices on households to cover the cost of excessively priced privatization deals. You should set an enforceable limit, and not just a guidepost, to prevent unreasonable rate hikes.

**(2) Require real transparency in privatization deals by banning nondisclosure agreements, requiring public bidding; and ensuring public input prior to going out to bid.** Privatization deals are often done in the dark and behind closed doors. Local officials are often forced to sign nondisclosure agreements that keep a privatization deal hidden from the public until contract language has been finalized. This has eroded public trust and it must stop. The public must be notified and engaged at every stage of the process.

We ask you to make the above changes to stop predatory water system pricing and help mitigate the harm of these privatization schemes on the public.

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