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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
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Re: Proposed Wastewater Rate Changes
Pennsylvania American Water
Clarion Wastewater District

Dear PUC,

This letter is to express our objection to the requested rate increase by Pennsylvania American Water Company. We believe that the PA American Water company is innovative with system upgrades and enhancing the treatment system's reliability. However, the requested rate increase is exorbitant and will be a hardship on the homeowners in Clarion, PA.

Improvements and upgrades should have been considered a capital improvement and planned for over a significant period of time at the point of acquisition by PA American Water. These types of changes should not have come as a surprise and the cost should not entirely be born by the customer base in the short term.

A rate increase is acceptable but more than a 3% increase at this time of economic turmoil would be oppressive. We appreciate your review of this request and trust that you will rule in a fair and reasonable manner.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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