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Dear Sirs:

We recently received a Notice of Proposed Wastewater Rate Changes from Pennsylvania American Water.

The example given of the proposed change for a typical customer's bill in the Blue Mountain Lake area is:

Customer Type: Residential **Current Monthly Bill:** \$23.05 **Proposed Monthly Bill:** \$80.02

Their request is to begin recovering \$8.5 million the company will have invested in its Northeast Pennsylvania wastewater operations to improve the quality and reliability of our wastewater service. Specifically for the Blue Mountain Lake system, the company's capital improvements since acquiring the wastewater system include \$2.9 million upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant that serves our community.

In 2005 when Pennsylvania American Water acquired the Blue Mountain Lake System, their presentation suggested that the rates would reflect lower costs which has not been the case. Our Wastewater System was adequate to our needs. Pennsylvania American Water's problem is due to new housing developments that they have attached to the system.

Why do we have to pay their proposed rate increase for their expansion? Why they do not charge the new housing developments the necessary costs of attaching to the old systems? We believe that this increase is outrageous especially considering all the financial difficulties home owners are currently facing, not only young families but seniors like us.

We request you to deny Pennsylvania American Water's proposed increase or limit it to a reasonable small increase. The cost of living in Monroe County in the last few years has increased well beyond Pennsylvania's and the National average, but our incomes have not proportionally done so.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully yours,



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