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Public Utility Commission  
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Pennsylvania PUC

re: Pennsylvania American Water  
blue mountain Lake Water District

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Consumer Services  
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Dear People,

Stop the insanity with regard to the outrageous increase that is being requested by Pennsylvania American Water.

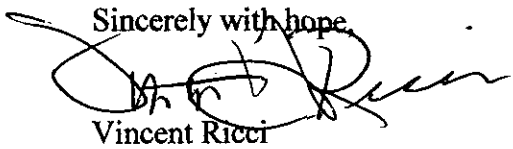
Before making a total objection to any increase proposed by Pennsylvania American Water I would like you to understand the situation at Blue Mountain Lake. When I purchased my house in 2004, the developer was asked by me about the ownership of our water source. The salesman stated that when they were through with the building the water source was to be turned over to the homeowners and that it was in the HUD filings. This never happened and the builder/developer sold our water source to Pennsylvania American Water. On top of this our community disallows any homeowner from drilling a well and or use of a septic tank which makes us forced customers of Pennsylvania American Water. Get us the right to drill a well and install septic tanks and then give PAW what they want.

I never understood the reasoning behind a flat fee sewer charge. It is my opinion that those using more water are using the sewer system more and they who waste water should pay a higher rate. I personally have reduced my water use by 50% which equals approx. 1200 gallons monthly. for this I pay approx \$45.(including \$20 waterwaste charges) monthly my neighbor use double and doesn't pay double (but pays \$20 for waterwaste). That is the problem. You should disallow any and all increases especially during our current fanancially hard times. It would not be so objectionable if there were a fair method of billing with out increases ( you use more you pay more)

A question for you and PAW is our water being airated by PAW before it reaches the meter? if yes why? Doesn't this cause my meter to count air as water? I know when I leave my house for a day or two I shut my main valve off when I return my water starts to run just by opening my valve again and in my upstairs bath there is a lot of air that discharges before water comes through this is also a problem

Please keep the people, that are made to pay already high prices for a natural resource, in mind.

Sincerely with hope



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PS Does the \$8.5 million dollars cover there normal day to day business such as normal wages for reading meters, changing meters that they charge customers for etc, etc.

Encls: copy of PAW notice of proposed wastewater rates

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATE CHANGES

Dear Customer:

On April 23, 2010, Pennsylvania American Water filed a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to increase your wastewater rates as of June 22, 2010. A full investigation of this request could delay the change until January 22, 2011. This notice describes our request, the PUC's role, and what actions you can take.

## RATE REQUEST

Pennsylvania American Water is requesting an overall rate increase for its northeast Pennsylvania wastewater operations, which includes Blue Mountain Lake, of \$2,099,490 per year. Here is an example of the proposed change for a typical customer's monthly bill in the Blue Mountain Lake area.

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

To find out how the request might change your wastewater bill, or to address any other questions you might have, please contact Pennsylvania American Water's customer service center at 1-800-565-7292. You can also find the rates requested by Pennsylvania American Water in Wastewater Tariff PA P.U.C. No. 9, filed with the PUC and on our Web site at [www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com](http://www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com). You can also review the material filed with the PUC at our office at 800 West Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. In addition, you can request that we mail you a copy of Pennsylvania American Water's Statement of Reasons, which is a plain language summary of why we need to raise rates.

## BACKGROUND

This request is Pennsylvania American Water's first since acquiring the system in October 2005. The proposed increase is needed to begin to recover approximately \$8.5 million that the company will have invested in its northeast Pennsylvania wastewater operations to improve the quality and reliability of your wastewater service. This capital investment equates to spending more than \$2,100 per customer.

Specifically for the Blue Mountain Lake system, Pennsylvania American Water's capital improvements since acquiring your wastewater system include a \$2.9 million upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant that serves your community.

## PUC ROLE

The state agency that approves rates for public utilities is the PUC. The PUC will review and investigate the requested rate increase. Pennsylvania American Water must prove that the requested rates are reasonable. After examining the evidence, the PUC might grant all, some or none of the request, or it might reduce existing rates. As a result, the final effect on your bill might be different than the company's request.

## ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

You can challenge Pennsylvania American Water's request by:

- 1) Sending a letter to the PUC – You can tell the PUC why you object to the requested rate increase in your letter. You can also tell the PUC about any other concerns you have about the company. This information can be helpful when the PUC investigates the rate request. Send your letter to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Post Office Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265.
- 2) Attending or presenting testimony at PUC public input hearings – You can attend or be a witness at a PUC public hearing. The PUC holds public input hearings if it opens an investigation of Pennsylvania American Water's rate increase request and if there is enough interest in the case. At these hearings, you can present your views in person to the PUC judge and to company representatives. Testimony under oath becomes part of the rate case record. The PUC holds these hearings in the service area of the company. For more information, call the PUC at 1-800-692-7380.
- 3) Becoming a party by filing a formal complaint – If you want to be a party to the case, you must file a formal complaint. You then have an opportunity to take part in all the hearings about the rate increase request. You can receive copies of all materials distributed by the other parties. Formal complaints should be filed with the PUC before June 22, 2010. If no one files a formal complaint, the Commission may grant all, some or none of the request without holding a hearing before a PUC judge. You can request a formal complaint form by writing to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Post Office Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265, or by going to its Web

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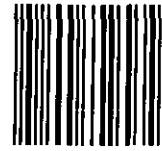
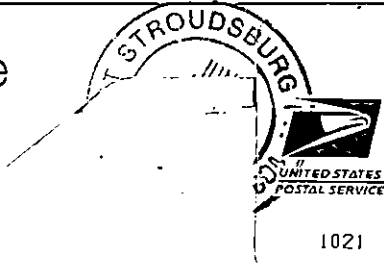
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Blue Mountain Lake Wastewater District**

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