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Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of East Fallowfield Township, Pennsylvania. I am asking that you not grant Pennsylvania American Water their request for a proposed rate hike on wastewater in Coatesville and the surrounding municipalities. We are already paying a rate higher than the previous year as Pennsylvania American Water raised rates last year on water. We are already feeling pressure to maintain our households in these tough economic times. A rate increase now would put many people into a position of not being able to pay their water bills at all.

I understand that the company needed to build a new facility, as the old was seriously out of date, but we should not have to foot the bill of a "state of the art" facility. We do not have the economic means to pay higher rates, and especially at a 229% increase. Even raising rates by twenty dollars is going to make payments almost impossible.

We, as a community, have many neighbors on fixed incomes as well as public assistance. A rate hike will hurt these people, especially the elderly and those struggling to find employment. People will undoubtedly fall behind on their bills and water service will be interrupted on countless homes. We cannot fund this burden for Pennsylvania American Water.

Thank you for your consideration,

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