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November 9, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
PA Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Bldg.
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Joint Application of Little Washington Wastewater,
Company d/b/a Suburban Water Company and
Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.
Docket Nos. A-2012-2322448 and A-2012-2322509

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached please find the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served upon all parties of record as shown on the Certificate of Service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin L. Gannon".

Erin L. Gannon
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PA Attorney I.D. #83487

Attachment

cc: Certificate of Service
Office of Administrative Law Judge
Office of Special Assistants
Bureau of Technical Utility Services

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Joint Application of Little Washington : Docket Nos. A-2012-2322448,
Wastewater Co. d/b/a Suburban Water Co. and : A-2012-2322509
Total Environmental Solutions, Inc. :

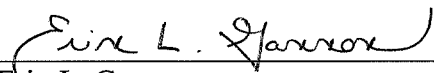
NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 71 P.S. § 309-1, *et seq.*, and 52 Pa. Code § 5.71(a)(1), the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,


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November 8, 2012

PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file an Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving the Joint Application filed by Little Washington Wastewater Co. d/b/a Suburban Water Co. (LWWC) and Total Environmental Solutions, Inc. (TESI) (collectively, Joint Applicants), concerning the acquisition, by sale, of TESI by LWWC.

On October 31, 2012, the City of DuBois (City) filed a Protest against the proposed sale. In the Protest, it is alleged that its service area and water treatment facilities are within one mile of TESI's water and wastewater systems and that the City has the willingness and resources to acquire both systems. Protest at 5. The Protest also states that the City could better realize the benefits of regionalization because LWWC does not currently serve in Clearfield County or any adjacent counties. Protest at 6-7. Accordingly, the City argues that the proposed sale may not provide affirmative and substantial public benefit.

Through its participation in this proceeding, the OCA seeks to ensure that the interests of the TESI customers and LWWC's pre-acquisition customers, in light of the City's challenge to the proposed sale, are duly considered and protected. In addition, the OCA will work to ensure that the Application is adjudicated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Public Utility Code.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Joint Application of Little Washington
Wastewater Company, d/b/a Suburban Water Company
and Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.

A-2012-2322448 and A-2012-2322509

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

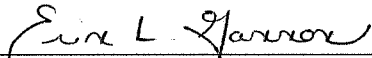
Dated this 9th day of November 2012.

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