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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor North Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re:

Alice Ann Belmonte-Gates v.

Pennsylvania-American Water Company

Docket No. F-2012-2332589

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is Pennsylvania-American Water Company's Reply to Exceptions in the above-referenced case. This document is permitted to be filed electronically.

A copy of the Reply to Exceptions has been provided to the Complainant in the manner indicated on the attached Certificate of Service. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Summa March

Susan Simms Marsh Corporate Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

ALICE ANN BELMONTE-GATES

Complainant

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PECO ENERGY COMPANY

Respondent

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PENNSYLVANIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S REPLY TO EXCEPTIONS

Pursuant to 52 Pa Code § 5.535, Pennsylvania-American Water Company ("PAWC" or "Company"), hereby replies to the Exceptions filed by Alice Ann Belmonte-Gates ("Complainant"). As set forth below, the Complainant's Exceptions should be denied, and the Initial Decision should be upheld by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission").

The Complainant failed to comply with the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code §5.533(b). The Exceptions specifically failed to identify findings of fact, conclusions of law or cite specific pages of the Initial Decision. While PAWC recognizes the Complainant is appearing pro se, the Complainant's Exceptions are for the

most part unclear and difficult for the Company to respond. First, the Complainant addresses the Exceptions to Judge L. Murphy. Second, the majority of the Complainant's Exceptions speak to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction. For example, the first paragraph states, in part, ". . . Communications Abuse of this Continual Civil Federal Abuses of Fraud of my identity and the SSI; SSDI offices that involve R. Cohen . . . The Abuses of Kline And Specter's Offices" Most of the statements contained in the body of the Exceptions are unintelligible and meaningless.

The Complainant seems to contend she did not receive notice regarding the cancellation of the February 26, 2013 hearing. The Commission's hearing notice includes the address for the Complainant at 1007 North Forrest Avenue, West Norristown, Pennsylvania, 19401. This is the identical address on the Formal Complaint and the December 10, 2012 Order Granting Preliminary Objections and Directing the Complainant to File a More Specific Pleading. The Complainant received the December 12, 2012 Order. The Complainant filed the Amended Formal Complaint in response to the directive provided for in the December 12, 2012 Order evidencing her receipt of the Order. Moreover, the Amended Formal Complaint included the aforementioned address.

The address 1007 North Forrest Avenue, West Norristown, Pennsylvania, 19401 was provided by the Complainant in the Formal Complaint and Amended Formal Complaint. The ALJ December 12, 2012 Order, the Commission's Telephonic Hearing Notice dated December 27, 2012 and the Commission's Telephonic Hearing Cancellation Notice dated February 1, 2013 reflect the aforementioned address and telephone number for the Complainant. The Company's Preliminary Objections reflected the

Complainant's aforementioned address on the Certificate of Service. There is no record

of the Commission or the Company's documents being returned.

The ALJ also correctly concluded that the PECO and the Company's Preliminary

Objections should be granted. As previously stated in the Company's November 16,

2012 and January 3, 2013 Preliminary Objections, the Complainant's Formal Complaint

and Amended Formal Complaint failed to plead with sufficient specificity the facts on

which any claim for relief can be granted and to which the Company could prepare an

Answer and ultimately its defense. Moreover, the Complainant did not raise any issue to

which the Commission has jurisdiction. Therefore, a hearing is not warranted or

necessary.

For the reasons set forth above, the Commission should reject the Complainant's

Exceptions, adopt the Initial Decision of ALJ Joel H. Cheskis, in full, and dismiss the

Formal Complaint, with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Pennsylvania-American Water Company's Reply to Exceptions upon the parties listed below, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §1.54 (relating to service by a party).

VIA UPS Overnight Delivery

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The above-referenced Reply to Exceptions was electronically filed on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's eFiling system.

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