

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Vincent E. Collier III

v.

Columbia Water Company

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Docket No. C-2014-2451639

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Answer To Preliminary Objections

I, Vincent E. Collier III, am filing this Answer to the Preliminary Objections of Columbia Water Company. In its Preliminary Objections, Columbia asks the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to dismiss my Formal Complaint. As I explain below, the Commission should deny Columbia's Preliminary Objections.

1. On November 4, 2014, I mailed a Formal Complaint to the Public Utility Commission against Columbia Water Company. I objected to their Pennvest surcharge filed at Docket No. R-2014-2445660. Columbia wants the Commission to approve a Pennvest surcharge. Columbia also wants the Commission to approve a tariff that says that after the principal and interest on the Pennvest loan is paid, the Company will put it into base rates. I said in my complaint that you do not continue to pay mortgage or bank loans once the loans are paid-off.

2. On November 20, 2014, I received a document titled "Columbia Water Company's Preliminary Objections to the Formal Complaint of Vincent E. Collier, III." This is my Answer to the Company's objections.

3. In paragraph 5 of its Objections, Columbia says that my complaint rests on the fact that the Company did not reduce rates after it paid off a Pennvest loan in 2011. The Company says

that it ended the Pennvest surcharge in 2011. But after it ended the surcharge in 2011, the Company put the same Pennvest plant into its base rates that it began charging me in 2014. See Docket No. R-2013-236078 (January 9, 2014 Order).

4. In paragraph 8 of its Objections, the Company says that my allegation is not relevant. It is relevant. I filed a complaint because I do not want the same thing to happen with this new Pennvest loan. I do not want Columbia to charge me a surcharge until the Pennvest loan is paid off and then continue charging me for the same Pennvest plant in my base rates.

5. The Office of Consumer Advocate and Sandra Shaub also filed complaints against Columbia's new Pennvest surcharge. Docket Nos. C-2014-2452991 and C-2014-2452858.

6. In paragraph 9 of its Preliminary Objections, the Company says that I did not investigate my complaint. This is not true. I filed a complaint in the 2013 base rate case and read all of the testimony and briefs. My complaint in this case is truthful and based on my understanding of the 2013 case and what the Company wants to do after it pays off its new Pennvest loan.

For these reasons, my Complaint should not be dismissed.

Respectfully,



Vincent E. Collier III

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VERIFICATION

I hereby verify that the facts contained in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: Nov. 25, 2014

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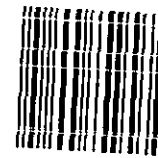
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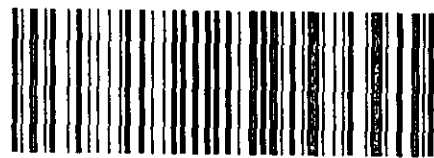
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