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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Cindy Parks

v.

Pennsylvania-American Water Company

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Docket No.
C-00015377

FIFTH INTERIM ORDER

By letter dated May 13, 2002, counsel for the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), an intervenor in this proceeding, submitted a status report pursuant to the Fourth Interim Order I issued on January 28, 2002. The letter indicates that the parties are continuing to negotiate in an attempt to reach an amicable settlement. The letter requests that the indefinite stay granted by the Fourth Interim Order continue and indicates that the parties will submit a status report in July 2002 and advise if the *litigation schedule needs to be reinstated*.

I will grant the request.

It appears that the parties are aware of the Commission's mediation services. The Commission's records indicate the Chief Administrative Law Judge issued an Order on June 6, 2001, directing the parties to submit a mediation report. The Commission's records also indicate that the report required by the Judge's Order was not submitted to the Mediation Unit. The parties should again consider using the Commission's mediation service if they believe it will help them reach a settlement.

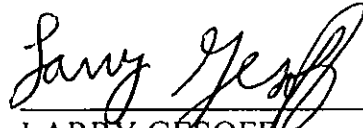
In consideration of the foregoing;

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the suspension of the litigation schedule in this proceeding remains in effect.
2. That in July 2002 the parties submit a status report to me in writing.

3. That if the parties reach a settlement in this proceeding, they make the appropriate submission pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §5.24.

Dated: May 15, 2002



LARRY GESOFF
Administrative Law Judge