

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265

PA PUC v. Columbia Water Company

Public Meeting held March 10, 2015
2525128-TUS

Docket No. R-2016-2525128
C-2016-2533052

MOTION OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

Before the Commission is a tariff supplement filed by Columbia Water seeking to decrease its Marietta Division rates for each volumetric block and for public and private fire protection by eliminating the PENNVEST Surcharge associated with each. The reason for the elimination of the surcharge is the retirement of the debt approved for the surcharge.

On March 9, 2016, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Formal Complaint. As relief, the OCA requests that the Commission take the following action:

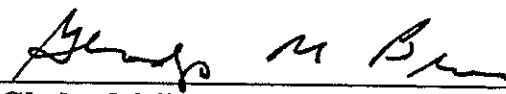
- A. Allow the proposed tariff supplement to go into effect on March 11, 2016;
- B. Investigate the operation of the proposed tariff supplement and whether the rate reduction should have been implemented earlier;
- C. Consolidate all complaints filed against the proposed decrease;
- D. Hold full evidentiary hearings examining the reasonableness of the Marietta Division's current rates and its proposed decrease in rates;
- E. Deny any charges or changes contained in the proposal which cannot be fully justified by the Company, or which otherwise are contrary to the Public Utility Code, sound ratemaking principles, and public policy; and
- F. Grant such other relief that the Commission may deem to be necessary and proper.

I believe it is in the public interest to refer OCA's complaint to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for appropriate action. Such action will not delay the tariff supplement from going into effect, subject to reconciliation.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT:

1. The matter be referred to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for appropriate action.
2. The proposed tariff supplement be permitted to become effective on March 11, 2016, subject to reconciliation.
3. The Office of Special Assistants prepare an Opinion and Order consistent with this motion.

March 10, 2016
Date



Gladys M. Brown, Chairman