

**BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,
Office of Consumer Advocate, et al.,

v.

Twin Lakes Utilities, Inc.

Docket Nos. R-2015-2506337
C-2015-2514368
C-2015-2515975
C-2016-2523444
C-2016-2524864
C-2016-2528502
C-2016-2532987

**JOINT STIPULATION
FOR ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE**

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ERANDA VERO:

Twin Lakes Utilities, Inc. (“Twin Lakes”), the Commission’s Investigation and Enforcement Bureau (“I&E”), and the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”), all parties to the above-captioned proceeding (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Stipulating Parties”), file this “Joint Stipulation for Admission of Evidence” (“Stipulation”) in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of the Stipulation, the Stipulating Parties represent as follows:

1. The “Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement” (“Settlement”) and all attachments thereto, submitted by Twin Lakes, I&E and OCA on or about March 25, 2016, is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.¹
2. The Stipulating Parties hereby jointly stipulate to the authenticity and admission of the Twin Lakes rate filing and testimony, in its entirety, into the evidentiary record in this matter for the purpose of providing the record with historical data that ultimately, through the compromises achieved through settlement negotiations, resulted in the specific terms and

¹ A corrected version of the filing was submitted electronically to the Presiding Officer on March 30, 2016.

conditions of the Settlement.

3. Twin Lakes' testimony consists of Statement ABO-1, the direct testimony of A. Bruce O'Connor, Statement DWD-1, the direct testimony of Dennis W. Dowd, and Statement RFK-1, the direct testimony of Robert K. Fullagar. No other testimony was submitted in this proceeding.

4. The Commission encourages parties to seek negotiated settlements of contested proceedings in lieu of incurring the time, expense and uncertainty of litigation. 52 Pa. Code § 69.391.

5. The Stipulating Parties hereby submit that the Commission has approved settlements presented at a similar stage in a proceeding, i.e., without the need for the further production and admission of testimony and exhibits of the active parties to those proceedings.

6. Given that the Commission encourages negotiated settlements in order for the parties to reach an amicable resolution prior to the production of additional formal testimony and exhibits, the achievement of a full and complete settlement in this case at this stage of the proceeding is particular beneficial to a small public utility such as Twin Lakes and also to its customers, who are ultimately responsible to pay for all legitimate costs of such base rate case filings.

7. The Stipulating Parties hereby represent that the requested admission of the Company filing and testimony provides sufficient record evidence for the submitted Settlement to satisfy the legal standard for approval.

8. The Commission has stated that "[T]he prime determinant in the consideration of a proposed Settlement is whether or not it is in the public interest."² And specifically, the

² *Pa. PUC v. Philadelphia Electric Company*, 60 PA PUC 1, 22 (1985).

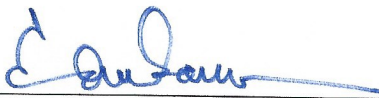
Commission recognizes that a settlement “reflects a compromise of the positions held by the parties of interest, which, arguably fosters and promotes the public interest.”³

9. The Settlement in the instant proceeding protects the public interest in that a thorough consideration of its many terms and conditions demonstrates that such compromises are evident throughout, particularly when compared to the Company’s filing and testimony now being offered for the record.

Respectfully submitted,

TWIN LAKES UTILITIES, INC.

OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

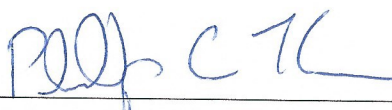
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³ Pa. PUC v. C S Water and Sewer Associates, 74 PA PUC 767, 771 (1991).