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Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

Attached please find Supplement No. 5 to Tariff Wastewater Pa P.U.C. No. 16 ("Supplement No. 5") for Pennsylvania American Water Company ("PAWC"), which bears the issue date of May 8, 2018 and effective date of July 7, 2018. Supplement No. 5 is being filed to affirm and memorialize how customer contributions, customer advances and certain customer deposits (hereafter, collectively, "Contributions and Advances") will be calculated in light of changes in federal tax law made by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA"). Specifically, from and after December 22, 2017, Contribution and Advances are deemed to be federal taxable income to wastewater utilities and, therefore, under Pennsylvania's Corporate Net Income Tax, are state taxable income as well.

In its comments filed in response to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or the "Commission") February 12, 2018 Secretarial Letter at Docket Number M-2018-2641242, PAWC stated its intent to adopt the "no gross-up" method of billing and accounting to calculate Contributions and Advances and to state its rate base claims in future rate base proceedings. The Company's full articulation of the "no gross-up" method as set forth in its response to Question No. 7 of the Commission's Secretarial letter is incorporated herein by reference, and a copy of the relevant portion of PAWC's Comments is attached as Appendix A. Supplement No. 5 incorporates and implements the no-gross method, as PAWC stated it would do in its aforementioned comments.

Supplement No. 5 should be approved because it provides a reasonable approach to addressing the changes in taxability of Contributions and Advances under the TCJA. Significantly, the Commission has already determined the no-gross method to be just, reasonable, lawful and nondiscriminatory in approving its use by gas utilities, for which Contributions and Advances were taxable even prior to the enactment of the TCJA. See, e.g., Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No 9, Rule 8.2.5 Taxes on Deposits for Construction



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& Customer Advances, page 49a. In short, PAWC is proposing to follow the procedure for billing, accounting and determining its rate base claims in subsequent base rate cases that has been used, with Commission approval, by other utilities with taxable Contributions and Advances.

Because the Company is receiving requests for facility extensions that necessarily implicate how it must calculate Contributions and Advances, and the customers and applicants making those requests, like PAWC itself, are looking for certainty on how Contributions and Advances should be calculated following the enactment of the TCJA, Supplement No. 5 should be permitted to go into effect at the conclusion of the statutory notice period without suspension.

Sincerely,

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Director of Rates and Regulations

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Bureau of Technical Utility Services

PENNSYLVANIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S SECRETARIAL LETTER ISSUED FEBRUARY 12, 2018 REGARDING THE IMPACT OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017

**Pennsylvania American Water Company's
Verified Responses (Consolidated With Respect To Water and Wastewater Operations) To The Commission's Data Requests In Attachment B To The February 12, 2018 Secretarial Letter at Docket Number M-2018-2641242**

7. Are there any other changes made in the TCJA that will impact the company?
If so, please explain.

RESPONSE:

Yes. In addition to the change in the federal income tax rate, the TCJA also made the following changes:

- Bonus depreciation has been eliminated for regulated utilities' capital projects that commence after September 27, 2017.
- Contributions in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") and Customer Advances for Construction ("CAC") received after January 1, 2018 will be taxable to water and wastewater utilities.
- The deduction for domestic manufacturing activities has been eliminated.
- Limitations are imposed on interest deductibility, from which regulated utilities have been exempted.
- Further limitations have been imposed on deductions for meals and for compensation in excess of \$1 million, effective as of January 1, 2018.

The most significant of the items identified above are the elimination of bonus depreciation and the provisions making CIAC and CAC taxable when received by water and wastewater utilities.

As previously note, upon the effective date of the TCJA, CIAC and CAC received by the Company will be treated as taxable income. CIAC includes, in addition to developer payments for main extensions, payments received from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for main relocations required by highway construction. CAC is driven by payments made for the extension of utility facilities to furnish service and are subject to refund. The Company plans to adopt the "no gross-up" method of

billing and accounting for CIAC and CAC. Under this method, the income taxes associated with CIAC and CAC will be recorded in a deferral account equivalent to recording a deferred tax asset and, as such, will reduce ADIT liabilities in future base rate cases. The future tax depreciation on plant additions funded by non-grossed-up CIAC and CAC will cause the deferred tax asset to reverse over the tax life of such plant additions, thus increasing net ADIT liabilities as the tax benefit of the additional tax depreciation is realized. Such future tax depreciation will not be reflected in calculating tax expense for ratemaking purposes in future base rate cases. Under the no gross-up method, the income taxes paid by the Company on CIAC/CAC are not charged to the party paying the CIAC/CAC nor are they included in revenue requirement used to establish rates for service to other customers. Future tax depreciation on such contributed property will provide a tax benefit (through depreciation deductions) that equals the nominal amount of the income tax paid by the Company when the CIAC/CAC was included in its taxable income in the year such CIAC/CAC was received. The time value associated with the lag between the Company's payment of income taxes on CIAC/CAC and future recovery of those amounts through depreciation deductions is recognized by the increase in rate base that results from treating the deferred amount as a deferred tax asset that offsets ADIT. When the no gross-up method is employed, the Internal Revenue Service's regulations require the tax-book timing difference to be normalized by reflecting the deferred amount in rate base.

PENNSYLVANIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
Wastewater Division
(hereinafter referred to as the "Company")
D/B/A
Pennsylvania American Water

RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING THE FURNISHINGS OF

WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE

IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND TERRITORIES LOCATED IN:

ADAMS COUNTY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, BEAVER COUNTY, CHESTER COUNTY,
CLARION COUNTY, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, MONROE COUNTY,
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PIKE COUNTY, WASHINGTON COUNTY AND YORK COUNTY

ALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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NOTICE

This Tariff supplement defines how the Company will record taxes on deposits for construction, customer advances and contributions in aid of construction resulting from the impact of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.

(Refer to page 66)

In accordance with Commission Order at Docket No. M-2018-2641242 adopted and entered on March 15, 2018, the current rates and riders are declared to be temporary rates pursuant to Section 1310 (d) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1310(d) for a trial period ending September 15, 2018.

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LIST OF CHANGES

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Section W – TAXES ON DEPOSITS FOR CONSTRUCTION, CUSTOMER ADVANCES
AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION (C)**

Any deposit, advance, contribution or other like amounts received from the applicant which shall constitute taxable income to the Company as defined by the Internal Revenue Service will have the income taxes segregated and deferred for inclusion in rate base in a future rate case proceeding. Such income tax associated with a deposit, advance or contribution will not be charged to the specific depositor / contributor of the capital.

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