

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY	:	
COMMISSION,	:	
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V.	:	Docket No. R-2020-3019369
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PENNSYLVANIA-AMERICAN WATER	:	
COMPANY	:	

**COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM**

I. HISTORY

The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) intervened in this matter by Petition to Intervene filed on May 18, 2020. CEO is a not-for-profit corporation and is an advocate for its clients – the low-income population of Luzerne County. CEO has intervened in prior matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the purpose of addressing a company's universal service programs, other programs that aid low-income customers and the effects of any requested rate increases on low-income customers. CEO intervened in this particular matter to examine the effect of the proposed rate increase on low-income customers and to address whether the Company's low-income programs are adequate or need to be changed to address the proposed rate increase.

II. ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED BY CEO

1. Whether the Company's low-income programs are appropriately funded and available and whether those programs will remain appropriately funded and available if the request for a rate increase is granted.

2. The effect of any proposed rate increase or rate structure on the residential customer class and particularly low-income, residential customers.

3. Such other additional issues as may arise during the discovery process.

III. WITNESSES

CEO will present the testimony of Eugene M. Brady, Executive Director of CEO, to address the issues above-described.

IV. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

CEO takes no position on the proposed schedule but will abide by any agreement reached between the parties or any Order set forth by the presiding officers.

V. PROPOSED PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR DISCOVERY

CEO will initiate discovery to the Company upon granting of its Petition to Intervene.

VI. SETTLEMENT

CEO will participate in any and all settlement discussions.

VII. SERVICE

CEO agrees to be served by email upon counsel listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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