

June 5, 2020

Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

In re: The City of Bethlehem – Water Department
Petition/Request for Extension of Time to Submit a General Rate Filing

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We are counsel to the City of Bethlehem (“City”). Please accept this letter as the City’s petition/request for an extension of time for the filing of a general rate increase based on an operating income statement and other data for the historic twelve months ended December 31, 2019 and the future twelve months ending December 31, 2020. With an historic test year ended December 31, 2019, the City would be required by 52 Pa. Code Section 53.52(b), the “180 Day Rule” for municipal corporations, to make its general rate filing by June 26, 2020. *Through this petition/request, the City seeks an extension of time to enable it to submit the filing on or before August 31, 2020.*

Extending the time for submitting the rate filing may allow for COVID-19 restrictions to ease for the City and its residential and business customers before the filing is submitted. The additional time would also be helpful to enable the City to finalize the required financial and other information for its rate submission. The City’s most recent prior general rate filing was in 2013.

Please contact me if anything further is required concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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I hereby certify that I have this 5th day of June 2020, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter upon the persons and in the manner set forth below:

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