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Via Electronic Filing

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

RE: Audubon Water Company; Supplement No. 3 to Tariff Water – Pa. PUC No. 4;
Docket No. R-2020-3020919; **VERIFICATION OF NOTICE**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on behalf of Audubon Water Company is a Verification indicating that the required notices and publications were made in connection with the July 20, 2020 filing of the above-captioned rate increase.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call either of the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Whitney E. Snyder

Thomas J. Sniscak
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Bryce R. Beard

Counsel for Audubon Water Company

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the forgoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a party). This document has been filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system and served via electronic mail only on the following:

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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/s/ Whitney E. Snyder

Thomas J. Sniscak, Esq.
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Dated: August 20, 2020

VERIFICATION OF NOTICE

1. Notice of a Rate Increase was mailed to all Audubon Water Company customers on behalf of the Company on July 20, 2020.
2. Notice of a Rate Increase has been posted in the Company's offices at Norristown, PA on July 20, 2020.
3. Notice of a Rate Increase for Audubon Water Company was delivered on behalf of the Company to the local newspaper, the Times Herald, for publication in the July 21, 2020, edition. Notice also was delivered to the local radio station, WFYL – 1180FM. These notice were delivered on or before July 20, 2020. The Affidavit of Publication is attached hereto. The invoice for the press release is attached hereto.
4. Notice of a Rate Increase was posted on the Company's website on July 20, 2020.
5. The notice mailed to customers posted in the Company's office and posted on the Company's website is as follows:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

To Our Customers:

Audubon Water Company (Company) is filing a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to increase your water rates as of September 19, 2020. This Notice describes the Company's request, the PUC's role and what actions you can take.

The Company has requested a rate increase of \$934,243 per year. If the Company's entire request is approved, the total bill for the average residential customer using 4,000 gallons per month would increase from \$38.84 per month to \$55.38 per month, or by 43%. The total bill for an average 2" meter commercial customer using 42,000 gallons per month would increase from \$362.37 per month to \$517.54 per month, or by 43%. Rates for an average 2" meter public customer using 116,000 gallons per month would increase from \$810.34 per month to \$1,158.10 per month, or 43%. All fire protection rates would increase, for example a private hydrant at an annual rate of \$933.54 will increase to \$1,332.00, or 43% and public hydrant rates to municipal customers at an annual rate of \$233.46 will increase to \$333.00 or 43%.

To find out how the requested increase may affect your wastewater bill, contact the Audubon Water Company, at 610-630-1200. The

rates requested by the Company may be found in Supplement No. 3 to Tariff-Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 4. You may examine the material filed with the PUC which explains the requested increase and the reasons for it. A copy of this material is kept at the Company's office.

The state agency which approves rates for public utilities is the PUC. The PUC will examine the requested rate increase and can prevent existing rates from changing until it investigates and/or holds hearings on the request. The Company must prove that the requested rates are reasonable. After examining the evidence, the PUC may grant all, some, or none of the request or may reduce existing rates.

The PUC may change the amount of the increase or decrease requested by the utility for each customer class. As a result, the rate charged to you may be different than the rate requested by the Company and shown above.

There are three ways to challenge the Company's request to change its rates:

1. You can file a formal complaint. If you want a hearing before a judge, you must file a formal complaint. By filing a formal complaint, you assure yourself the opportunity to take part in hearings about the rate increase request. All complaints should be filed with the PUC before September 19, 2020. If no formal complaints are filed, the PUC may grant all, some or none of the request without holding a hearing before a judge.

2. You can send us a letter telling why you object to the requested rate increase. Sometimes there is information in these letters that makes us aware of problems with the Company's service or management. This information can be helpful when we investigate the rate request.

Send your letter or request for a formal complaint form to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Post Office Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA. 17105-3265.

3. You can be a witness at a public input hearing. Public input hearings are held if the PUC opens an investigation of the Company's rate increase request and if there is a large number of customers interested in the case. At these hearings you have the opportunity to present your view in person to the PUC judge hearing the case and the Company representatives. All testimony given "under oath" becomes a part of the official rate case record. These hearings are held in the service area of the Company.

For more information, call the PUC at 1-800-692-7380. You may leave your name and address so you can be notified of any public input hearings that may be scheduled in this case.

AUDUBON WATER COMPANY

I, J.H. Russell, Operation Manager, on behalf of Audubon Water Company, hereby state that the facts set forth in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at hearing in this matter. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.s. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.H. Russell", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

J.H. Russell
Manager
Audubon Water Company

Dated: August 20, 2020

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AUDUBON WATER COMPANY
P.O. BOX 7337
AUDUBON, PA 19407
Attention:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

The undersigned May Gutschalk, being duly sworn the he/she is the principal clerk of The Times Herald, Times Herald Digital, published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character, which are duly qualified newspapers, and the annexed hereto is a copy of certain order, notice, publication or advertisement of:

AUDUBON WATER COMPANY

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MAUREEN SCHMID, Notary Public
Lansdale Boro., Montgomery County
My Commission Expires March 31, 2021

Sworn to the subscribed before me this 7/30/2020

Maureen Schmid
Notary Public, State of Pennsylvania
Acting in County of Montgomery

**PRESS RELEASE ON
PROPOSED RATE CHANGE
AUDUBON WATER COMPANY**

Audubon Water Company ("Company") has filed a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") on July 20, 2020 to modify its rates for water service as of September 19, 2020. The Commission will be investigating the rate filing and proposed rates prior to the effective date. The Company's last general rate increase was approved by the Commission on September 13, 2012.

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The rate increase is required in order to cover increases in the costs of operating the water company, to pay for the construction of new facilities and water plant additions that are necessary to serve customers and to allow the Company to maintain and improve water service reliability. Customers can contact Audubon at 610-630-1200 to get further information on the proposed increase or to find out what actions they may take.
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Advertisement Information

Client Id: 949712 **Ad Id:** 2029024 **PO:** **Sales Person:** 018304

WFYL 1180AM

Trinity Associates Broadcasting, LLC

36 Wyndemere Lake Drive
Chester Springs, PA 19425

Attachment to BTUS-R-3

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
7/20/2020	5794

Bill To
AUDUBON WATER CO. Jenn Maaskant, Controller 2650 Eisenhower Avenue Norristown, PA 19403

P.O. No.	Terms	Project
Press Release	Due on receipt	

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
10	Press Release	40.00	400.00

			Total	\$400.00
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