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| Public Meeting held May 20, 2021 | |
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| Commissioners Present: | |
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| Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman  David W. Sweet, Vice Chairman  John F. Coleman, Jr.  Ralph V. Yanora | |
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| Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  v.  Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority | R-2021-3024773  C-2021-3025473  C-2021-3025516 |

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On April 13, 2021, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA), Utility Code 2220554, filed Supplement No. 7 Tariff Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 proposing a multi-year rate increase that will increase PWSA’s total annual operating revenues for water service by approximately $12.6 million, or 10%, through rates effective January 12, 2022, and by approximately $12.9 million, or 9.3%, through rates effective January 12, 2023.

On April 23, 2021, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Formal Complaint at Docket No. C-2021-3025473. On April 26, 2021, the Office of Small Business Advocate filed a Formal Complaint at Docket No. C-2021-3025516. Pursuant to the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until January 12, 2022, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff supplement and the supporting data indicates that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of PWSA’s existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE**,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority’s proposed Supplement No. 7 Tariff Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1.
2. That the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority’s proposed Supplement No. 7 Tariff Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 is suspended by operation of law until January 12, 2022, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.
3. That within ten (10) days following the entry date of this Order, pursuant to 52 Pa.Code § 53.71, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority shall e‑file, or if necessary file via email directly to Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta at [rchiavetta@pa.gov](mailto:rchiavetta@pa.gov), a tariff supplement, which shall bear no effective date, with the Commission and post the tariff supplement at the offices of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority announcing that the aforementioned tariff supplement is suspended until January 12, 2022. A sample copy of a suspension supplement is provided in Attachment A of this Order.
4. That the investigation instituted in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of this Order shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the existing rates, rules, and regulations of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority.
5. That this case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for Alternative Dispute Resolution, if possible, and for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a recommended decision.
6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed formal complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: May 20, 2021

ORDER ENTERED: May 20, 2021

ATTACHMENT A

Sample Suspension Supplement

Supp. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ to

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_.

(COMPANY NAME)

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(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_ to Tariff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ filed to become effective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is hereby suspended until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Presently effective rates contained in Tariff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended. Issued in compliance with Title 66 Pa. C.S. § 1308.