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| Public Meeting held August 5, 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.  Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works | R-2021-3026116  C-2021-3027274  C-2021-3027361 |

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On June 29, 2021, the Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works (Hanover), Utility Code 221350, filed Supplement No. 32 to Water-Pa. P.U.C. No. 3 (Supplement No. 32) to become effective August 28, 2021. Supplement No. 32 would increase Hanover’s total annual operating revenues for water service by approximately $1,563,100, or 27.6%.

On July 15, 2021, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Formal Complaint at Docket No. C-2021-3027274. On July 19, 2021, the Office of Small Business Advocate filed a Formal Complaint at Docket No. C-2021-3027361. Pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until March 28, 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 Hanover’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 Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works’ proposed Supplement No. 32 to Water-Pa. P.U.C. No. 3.
2. That the Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works’ proposed Supplement No. 32 to Water-Pa. P.U.C. No. 3 is suspended by operation of law until March 28, 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 Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works 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 Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works announcing that the aforementioned tariff supplement is suspended until March 28, 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 Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works.
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 Borough of Hanover – Hanover Municipal Water Works, 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.

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Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: August 5, 2021

ORDER ENTERED: August 5, 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.