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Via Electronic Filing

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Re: Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority 2021 Rate Filing – Compliance Wastewater

Tariff; Docket No. R-2021-3024774

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On behalf of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and pursuant to the final Order entered November 18, 2021 in the above-captioned matter, enclosed for electronic filing please find Tariff Supplement No. 8 to Tariff Wastewater – Pa. P.U.C. No. 1.¹

Copies to be served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Deanne M. O'Dell

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cc: Hon. Eranda Vero w/enc.

Cert. of Service w/enc.

Simultaneously, PWSA is filing Supplement No. 9 to Tariff Water - Pa. P.U.C No. 1 at Docket No. R-2021-3024773 and Initial Tariff Storm Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 at Docket No. R-2021-3024779.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of PWSA's Tarifff Wastewater Pa. P.U.C. No. 1, Supplement No. 8 upon the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54.

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THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING

THE PROVISION OF WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE SERVICE

TO THE PUBLIC IN THE TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN

Issued: December 30, 2021 Effective: January 12, 2022

BY: William J. Pickering, Chief Executive Officer 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Tel: 412-255-8800

NOTICE

This tariff makes increases and changes in existing rates, rules, and regulations as approved by the Commission in its Final Order dated November 18, 2021 at Docket No. R-2021-3024774.

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LIST OF CHANGES

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Updated to reflect the additional language for Section H Miscellaneous Charge and addition of Part I, Section J, and the deletion of Part VI: Storm Water.

PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION A - WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE (PAGE

Decreasing the Minimum Charge per month for all meter sizes and the Conveyance Charge for all customer classes effective January 12, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Added language regarding minimum charge and usage allowance exception for new townhomes required to install meter larger than 5/8" for fire protection.

PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION A.1 - WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE (UNMETERED SERVICE) (PAGE No. 11)

Rates for the per month customer charge decreased for Residential and Commercial customer classes effective January 12, 2022 and January 1, 2023.

PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION C - RETURNED CHECK CHARGE (PAGE No. 12)

Updated to reflect new rates for Returned Checks, Service Termination and Service Resumption. Also revised to state that Returned Check Charge will not be assessed more than once per returned check under PWSA's tariffs, including under the Storm Water Tariff.

PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION G - COLLECTION EXPENSES AND FEES DESCRIBED IN THE AUTHORITY'S SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE CONDITIONS (PAGE No. 13) Added text providing notice of PWSA's use of liens.

PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION H - MISCELLANEOUS FEES (PAGE NOS 14, 14A-14C)

Various fees revised and new fees added related to requests to the Authority from customers or penalties. Removed text permitting changes to fees based on Consumer Price Index. Added text clarifying no charge for access to customer data for dispute.

Part I: Schedule of Rates and Charges, Section J - New Automatic Payment Enrollment Credit (Page No. 14C)

Added new Section J to reflect a one-time credit for new enrollments in paperless billing and establishing automatic bill payment.

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RIDER BDP - BILL DISCOUNT PROGRAM (RESIDENTIAL) (PAGE NOS. 17 AND 17A)

Corrected text from "consumption" to "conveyance." Increased the discount for participants with incomes at or below 50% of the Federal Poverty Level to receive a 50% discount on the Consumption Charge. Corrected language changing consumption to conveyance. Increased Arrearage Forgiveness credit from \$15 to \$30. Removed references to "Pilot." Added text regarding auto enrollment in Arrearage Forgiveness Program.

PART II: DEFINITIONS (PAGE No. 21)

Updated to remove definitions that relate only to storm water that are now included in PWSA Storm Water Tariff.

PART III: RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION C DISCONTINUANCE, TERMINATION AND RESOTRATION OF SERVICE, PARAGRAPH 4 - TURN-ON CHARGE (PAGE No.41)

Revised end date for wavier of Turn-on Charge.

PART III: RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION E, BILLING AND COLLECTION, PARAGRAPH No. 5 - Application of Payment (Page No. 42)

Revised to include storm water charges

PART III: RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION G, MAIN EXTENSIONS (PAGE No. 46) Removed tapping fee.

PART VI: STORM WATER (PAGE Nos. 68 THROUGH 71)

Removed Part IV as this section is now included in PWSA's Tariff Storm Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1.

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PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

Section A - Wastewater Conveyance

1. Minimum Charge*: Each customer will be assessed a service charge based upon the size of the customer's water meter as follows except that residential customers residing in newly constructed townhomes who are required to install a meter larger than 5/8" for fire protection and due to City ordinance requirements, may request assessment of the 5/8" minimum charge and usage allowance:

| Meter Size | Minimum Gallons | Minimum Per M | _ | (C) |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | GGIIGHE | Effective January 12, 2022 | Effective January 1, 2023 | (C) |
| 5/8" | 1,000 | \$8.09 | \$7.32 | (D)/(D) |
| 3/4" | 2,000 | \$15.27 | \$11.70 | (D)/(D) |
| 1" | 5 , 000 | \$35.01 | \$24.27 | (D)/(D) |
| 1 1/2" | 10,000 | \$70.91 | \$46.19 | (D)/(D) |
| 2" | 17,000 | \$119.36 | \$76.29 | (D) / (D) |
| 3" | 40,000 | \$271.91 | \$173.03 | (D) / (D) |
| 4" | 70,000 | \$465.73 | \$297.52 | (D) / (D) |
| 6 " | 175,000 | \$1,120.70 | \$725.62 | (D)/(D) |
| 8" | 325,000 | \$2,035.83 | \$1,330.48 | (D)/(D) |
| 10" or Larger | 548,000 | \$3,361.79 | \$2,218.44 | (D)/(D) |

2. <u>Conveyance Charge</u>: In addition to the Minimum Charge, the following wastewater conveyance charges (based on water consumption/usage or wastewater flows, at the Authority's discretion) will apply for each 1,000 gallons above the Minimum Gallons for each meter size:

Customer Class

Conveyance Charge Rate Per 1000 Gals.

| | 11000 101 1 | .000 Caib. | |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Effective | Effective | (C) |
| | January 12, 2022 | January 1, 2023 | |
| Residential | \$6.99 | \$5.81 | (D) / (D) |
| Commercial* | \$6.22 | \$5.28 | (D)/(D) |
| Industrial | \$5.76 | \$5.05 | (D)/(D) |
| Health or Education | \$7.71 | \$6.38 | (D)/(D) |

^{*} Rate applies to City of Pittsburgh Municipal Accounts but bills will be calculated based on a phase-in factor pursuant to 71 P.S. §§ 720.211 to 720.213.

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Section A.1 - Wastewater Conveyance (Unmetered Service)

Customer Charge. As of September 1, 2018 enrollment for 1. Unmetered Service will be closed and no new Unmetered Service customers will be accepted by the Authority. Customers who are receiving unmetered service will be assessed a monthly customer charge per unmetered connection as follows:

Customer Class Customer Charge

| | Effective January 12, 2022 | Effective January 1, 2023 | (C) |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Residential (per unit) | \$29.06 | \$24.75 | (D)/(D) |
| Commercial* | \$32.97 | \$28.44 | (D)/(D) |

*Rate does not apply to City of Pittsburgh Municipal Accounts pursuant to 71 P.S. §§ 720.211 to 720.213.

2. Treatment Rate: In addition to the Customer Charge, Customers who are receiving unmetered service will be required to pay rates for Wastewater/Sewage treatment to Premises, as set forth in Section A.3.

Section B - Bulk Wastewater Conveyance

- 1. Application: This schedule applies to all bulk wastewater conveyance for other wastewater utilities or public authorities.
- Rates and Terms of Service: Contracts stipulating the 2. negotiated rate and negotiated terms of Bulk Wastewater Conveyance may be entered into between the Authority and Customer or Applicant when the Authority, in its sole discretion, deems such offering to be economically advantageous to the Authority.

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Section C - Returned Check Charge

A charge of \$20.00 will be assessed any time where a check which has been presented to the Authority for payment on account has been returned by the payor bank for any reason if the customer has not paid a returned check charge under PWSA's water or storm water tariff. (C)

Section D - Reserved

Section E - Service Termination or Resumption Rates

The fee for service termination shall be \$50.00. The fee for resumption of service shall be 50.00. These termination and resumption fees will be waived if a customer has paid these fees under the water tariff. (D)

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<u>Section G - Collection Expenses and Fees described in the</u> Authority's Supplemental Service Conditions

Pennsylvania law provides that municipalities and their authorized utility service providers may collect an overdue bill or debt by filing a lien on the property with the County. This lien is then collected at the sale or disposition of the property. As a public utility, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority must follow the credit and collection regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Its use of liens as a collections tool is not pursuant to these credit and collection regulations. Any account with past due charges may be sent a reminder notice which shall contain notification that unpaid water, wastewater and/or stormwater charges are a lien against the property. The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority may file the lien on a property where a delinquent balance accumulated.

Once filed with the Department of Court Records for Allegheny County, a lien (together with interest and fees) must be paid prior to the sale or refinancing of the property by the owner. A lien may be enforced through the forced sale of the property where the debt was accrued. The Authority's Supplemental Service Conditions available at www.pgh2o.com provides more detailed information about liens.

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| Section H - Mi | iscellaneous C | Charges, Fee | s, and Penalt: | ies (includes |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| processing fee | es, and permit | s) | | |

| The Authority will not charge customers for access to data | (C) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| in the possession of the Authority that would be required | (C) |
| for the Authority to respond to a customer dispute or | |
| complaint. | |

1. Processing Fees

| Item | Charge or Fee* | |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| Certified mailing | \$20.00 | (I) |
| History retrieval | \$10.00 | (D) |
| Final bill | \$20.00 | (D) |
| Map and Record Requests | \$40.00 | (C) |
| Easement Recording *Assessed per account. | \$3,700.00 | (C) |
| Dye Test Application Processing Fees | | |
| Evidence of Compliance Statement | \$20.00 | (D) |
| | | |

| Temporary | Evidence | of | Compliance | \$30.00 | (I) |
|------------|----------|----|------------|----------------------|-----|
| Statement | | | | | |
| Inspection | | | | \$120.00 for first 2 | (I) |
| | | | | hours + \$60 per hr | (C) |

| | | | | after 2 hrs | |
|-----------|----------|----|------------|-------------|-----|
| Duplicate | Evidence | of | Compliance | \$20.00 | (D) |
| Statement | | | | | |

2. Penalties (C)

| Item | Penalty |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Illegal Connection - Residential | \$60.00 |
| Illegal Connection - Commercial | \$110.00 |

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4. Activities Related to Permits/Approvals Issued by PWSA a. Development Permits - required for constructing or renovating a structure larger than a single-family home including single-family homes with a fire service line or multi-family homes

| <u>Activity</u> | Fee |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Developer Fee - Water and Sewer Availability | \$40.00 |
| Letter | |
| Developer Fee - Water and Sewer Use Review | \$320.00 |
| Letter | |
| Developer Fee - Water and Sewer Use Review | \$550.00 |
| Letter - Expedited* | |
| Tap-in Plan Review | \$420.00 |
| Tap-In Plan Review - Expedited* | \$740.00 |
| Developer Permit Revisions Review | \$140.00 |
| Developer Permit Revisions Review - | \$250.00 |
| Expedited* | |
| Private Construction of Public Facilities | \$680.00 |
| Plan Review | |
| Private Construction of Public Facilities | \$1,190.00 |
| Plan Review - Expedited* | |
| DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Review | \$240.00 |
| DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Review - | \$410.00 |
| Expedited* | |

^{*}Expedited = guaranteed review within 15 business days

b. Residential Permit - for sewer taps or reconnecting to existing sewer service

| | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Residential Per | rmit | \$40.00 |

c. Other Permits (for any customer wanting to schedule an operation of a PWSA facility such as a fire hydrant or waterline shut)

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Termination Only Permit | \$250.00 |

d. Land Operations Permits (may be required for construction project, administered by City of Pittsburgh but requires review by PWSA before permit will be issued)

Activity Fee Review of City Land Operation Permit \$80.00

e. City of Pittsburgh Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) Approvals (PWSA required to submit approval letter if affected)

| Activity | | | <u>r.ee</u> | |
|----------|-----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| | Review of | City | Street Vacation Permits | \$100.00 |
| | Review of | City | Encroachment Permits | \$100.00 |

<u>Section I - Reserved f</u>or Future Use

Section J - New Automatic Payment Enrollment Credit

Customers enrolling in paperless billing and establishing automatic bill payments for the first time will receive a onetime credit of \$5.00. For customers receiving water, wastewater, and/or storm water service from PWSA, this credit will only be applied once per PWSA account.

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Rider BDP - Bill Discount Program (Residential)

- 1. <u>Bill Discount Program</u>: This rider is a program designed to enroll residential ratepayers who satisfy the criteria set forth below in a monthly discounted rate program
- 2. Availability: This rider is available for a Residential customer that meets the low-income criteria of annual household gross income at or below 150% based on the Federal Poverty Level.
 - a. A residential ratepayer who meets the eligibility criteria should complete an application for the Bill Discount Program.
 - b. Eligible customers may be asked to verify income every two years.
- 3. Rate (Minimum Charge): The Minimum Charge for residential service pursuant to Rider BDP will be 0% of the prevailing Minimum Service Charge under Part I, Section A. Any other rates, fees and charges will be at the prevailing amounts under this tariff.
- 4. Rate (Conveyance Charge): The Consumption Charge for residential service pursuant to Rider BDP for participants with income at or below 50% of the Federal Poverty Level will pay 50% of the prevailing Consumption Charge under Part I, Section A (which represents a 50% discount off the charge). Any other rates, fees and charges will be at the prevailing amounts under this tariff.
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5. Arrearage Forgiveness Program

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- a. Customers receiving residential service pursuant to Rider BDP who maintain an active, income based payment plan as documented by the Authority shall be eligible to participate in the Arrearage Forgiveness Program. Customers who negotiate a payment arrangement for their pre-existing arrearages will be automatically enrolled in the Arrearage Forgiveness Program.
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- b. Eligible participants will have their billed charges in arrears forgiven in increments of \$30 per each payment received. Billed charges in arrears includes any amounts outstanding for PWSA's water service, if applicable.
- (I)
- c. The Authority will cease assessing any interest on the arrears and pursuing collections while the customer is in an active, income based payment plan.
- d. Should the participating customer default on the payment plan, he or she will have the opportunity to make two catch-up payments to continue to receive the benefits of the Arrearage Forgiveness Program. Failure to make the two catch-up payments will result in immediate removal of the customer from the Arrearage Forgiveness Program.
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- e. Customers removed from the Arrearage Forgiveness Program will be eligible to reenter the program if they make all missed payments incurred during their prior enrollment in the Arrearage Forgiveness Program.
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- 6. The Authority reserves the right to propose to alter or eliminate the Arrearage Forgiveness Program in a future base rate case.
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- 20. Ground Water: Water located beneath the ground surface that emanates from sources other than the Authority's water or wastewater systems.
- 21. Guaranteed Lessee: A Tenant to whom a Property Owner has made an assignment of possessory rights by agreement, thereby making the Tenant primarily responsible for the payment of water charges.
- Guarantor: A Property Owner who guarantees payment of water 22. by a Guaranteed Lessee.
- Health or Education Property: Any hospital, clinic, or other human health care facility other than private physician or dentist offices, and any school, college, university, or other educational facility, whether public or private.
- 24. Health Department: The Allegheny County Health Department, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- 25. Illegal Surface Storm Water Connection: Any connection to the Authority's Sanitary Sewers that allows surface storm water to be discharged into the separate Sanitary Sewer system from sources including, but not limited to, downspout drainage, roof drainage, and areaway drainage.
- 26. Reserved for future use.
- 27. Industrial Property: Any property, the principal use of which is for manufacturing, processing, or otherwise producing products or goods for sale.
- Lateral, Customer Lateral or Sewer Lateral: Wastewater or 28. sewer lines that connect a property to the Authority's Collection Mains and carry sewage and/or Storm Water from one or more buildings or Premises to the Authority's Collection Mains

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electronic notice is returned as undeliverable, by personal contact or posting a notice of termination on the Premises 3 days prior to the termination of service.

k. The Authority will not terminate service to a premises when a customer has submitted a valid medical certificate signed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant certifying that a customer or member of the customer's household is seriously ill or has been diagnosed with a medical condition which requires the continuation of service to treat the medical condition consistent with 66 Pa.C.S. \$\$1403 and 1406(f).

The Authority reserves the right to deny wastewater service for violation of any provision of these Rules and Regulations, subject to PUC rules and regulations.

Whenever service is discontinued 4. Turn-on Charge: terminated pursuant to Paragraph C.2 or C.3 of this Section, service shall be turned on by the Authority only upon the payment by the customer of a turn-on charge pursuant to Part I, Section E and the resolution of the problem that gave rise to the termination if under Paragraph C.3. The turn-on charge will be waived until November 18, 2022.

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Section D - Reserved

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Section E - Billing and Collection

- 1. <u>Issuance of Bills</u>: The Authority will bill each customer within fifteen (15) days of the last day of each billing period.
- 2. Billing Due Date: The due date for payment of a bill for nonresidential service shall be no less than fifteen (15) days from the date of transmittal. The due date for payment of a bill for residential service shall be no less than twenty (20) days from the date of transmittal. If the last day for payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday, or on any day when the offices of the Authority are not open to the general public, the due date shall be extended to the next business day. The Authority may not impose a late-payment charge unless payment is received more than five (5) days after the stated due date.
- 3. <u>Late Payment Charge</u>: All amounts not paid when due shall accrue a late payment charge at the rate of 0.83 percent per billing period, not to exceed ten percent (10%) per year when not paid as prescribed in Rule 2 of this Section.
- 4. <u>Change in Billing Address</u>: Where a customer fails to notify the Authority of a change in billing address, the customer shall remain responsible to remit payment by the billing due date
- 5. Application of Payment: Utility bills rendered by the Authority shall include only the amount due for wastewater conveyance service. Where a customer remittance to the Authority includes payment for any non-utility services, proceeds will be applied first to pay all outstanding regulated utility charges. For customers receiving any combination of water, wastewater, and stormwater services, any partial remittance will be applied in the following order: water wastewater bill and stormwater charges.
- 6. Return Check Charges: The customer will be responsible for the payment of a charge for each time a check presented to the Authority for payment on that customer's utility bill is returned by the payor bank for any reason including, but not limited to, insufficient funds, account closed, payment stopped, two signatures required, post-dated, stale date,

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Section G - Main Extensions

Bona Fide Service Applicant(s) and/or Non-Bona Fide Service Applicant(s) who desire to or are required to connect to the Authority's Wastewater conveyance system (a "Main Extension Applicant") must comply with the following conditions:

- 1. A Main Extension Applicant shall provide prior notice to the Authority. Notice shall be written and made on the application and permit forms contained in the Authority's Procedures Manual for Developers, which is located on the Authority's website. The appropriate forms can be completed and any applicable fees paid at the Authority's permit counter, First Floor, Penn Liberty Plaza I, 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.
- 2. A Main Extension Applicant shall pay all applicable fees set forth in Part I, Section H at the time of payment and shall be payable at the time of application for connection or at a time to which the property owner and the Authority agree. 53 Pa.C.S. § 5607(d)(24).

[text deleted] (C)

The above-described fees shall be in addition to any charges assessed against the property in the construction of a sewer or water main by the Authority under 53 Pa.C.S. § 5607(d) (21), (22) as well as any other user charges imposed by the Authority. See 53 Pa.C.S. § 5607(d) (24).

3. The Authority may, in its exercise of its sole discretion, require that construction shall not commence until the Main Extension Applicant has posted appropriate financial security in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. § 5607(d)(23), (30).

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