

BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY	:		
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V.	:	Docket No.	R-2022-3031672 (Water)
	:		R-2022-3031673 (Wastewater)
PENNSYLVANIA-AMERICAN	:		
WATER COMPANY	:		

**COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY’S  
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM**

**I. HISTORY**

The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) intervened in this matter by Petition to Intervene filed on May 17, 2022. CEO is a not-for-profit corporation and is an advocate for its clients – the low-income population of Luzerne County. CEO has intervened in prior matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the purpose of addressing a company’s universal service programs and the effects of any requested rate increases on low-income customers. CEO intervened in this particular matter to examine the proposed rate increase and its impact on low-income customers and to address whether the Company’s low-income programs are adequate or need to be changed to address the proposed rate increase.

**II. ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED BY CEO**

1. Whether the Company’s low-income programs are appropriately funded and available and whether those programs will remain appropriately funded and available if the request for a rate increase is granted.
2. The proposed rate increase or rate structure and its impact on the residential customer class and particularly low-income, residential customers.
3. Such other additional issues as may arise during the discovery process.

**III. WITNESSES**

CEO will present the testimony of Eugene M. Brady, Executive Director of CEO, to address the issues above-described.

**IV. PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

CEO has been discussing a proposed schedule with the parties and has advised the parties that the undersigned is unavailable for hearings on September 13 and 14, 2022. The parties have agreed to accommodate CEO's counsel so that CEO's witness and its issues can be addressed during the hearing days when the undersigned is available, September 9, 10 and 12. With that accommodation, CEO believes that an agreed upon schedule will be presented by the parties.

**V. PROPOSED PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR DISCOVERY**

CEO will initiate discovery to the Company upon granting of its Petition to Intervene.

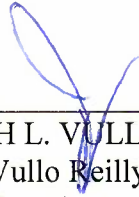
**VI. SETTLEMENT**

CEO will participate in any and all settlement discussions.

**VII. SERVICE**

CEO agrees to be served by email upon counsel listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certified that he served a copy of the foregoing Commission on Economic Opportunity's Pre-Hearing Conference Memorandum upon the following participants this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, via electronic mail:

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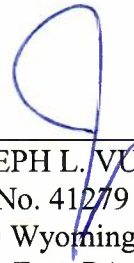
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