



PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING  
400 NORTH STREET  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE  
I-2018-3001161

July 27, 2022

Re: North Heidelberg Sewer Company 529 Investigation Proceeding  
Docket No. I-2018-3001161

TO ALL PARTIES:

This matter is a Section 529 Investigation Proceeding in which John Guenther (Mr. Guenther) filed a Petition to Intervene on July 9, 2019. On May 13, 2022, a Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement (Joint Petition) was made and entered into by and between Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (Aqua), North Heidelberg Sewer Company, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (I&E), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Metropolitan Edison Company, parties to the above captioned proceedings for the purpose of settling the proceedings. Following a hearing, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Steven K. Haas' Recommended Decision recommended approval of the Joint Petition, without modification, because it was in the public interest.

By Secretarial Letter dated June 24, 2022, the Commission served ALJ Haas' Recommended Decision to the Parties' address on file with the Commission. The Secretarial Letter provided, among other things, that Exceptions were due within ten days of the date of that letter and Replies to Exceptions were to be filed within seven days after the Exceptions.

On June 30, 2022, Aqua filed a letter stating that it would not be filing Exceptions. On July 5, 2022, I&E filed a letter stating that it would not be filing Exceptions. By email of July 13, 2022, the ALJ stated that he had spoken with Mr. Guenther about his intentions for filing Exceptions. In their conversation, the ALJ noted that Mr. Guenther stated that he did attempt to make a filing in response to the Recommended Decision but that his filing was not accepted by the Commission. Subsequent to his conversation with Mr. Guenther, the ALJ contacted counsel for the OCA and stated that it was his understanding that the Parties were agreeable to giving Mr. Guenther additional time to file exceptions.

Under the circumstances in this case, we will allow for an extension of time for the filing of Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions in order to ensure due process is provided. The Commission's Regulation at 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(a)(1) permits the Commission to grant an extension of time after the specified period has expired when reasonable grounds support the failure to comply with an act. We find that Mr. Guenther has shown reasonable grounds upon which to grant an extension of time to file Exceptions.

Therefore, we shall require that Exceptions be filed no later than Friday, July 29, 2022. Accordingly, the new deadline for filing Replies to Exceptions shall be Friday, August 5, 2022.

Should you have any questions you may contact the Office of Special Assistants at 717-787-1827.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chlavetta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rosemary Chlavetta  
Secretary