

PAM SNYDER, MEMBER
50TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
CAPITOL OFFICE:
203 IRVIS OFFICE BUILDING
P.O. BOX 202050
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120-2050
(717) 783-3797

CARMICHAELS OFFICE:
104 SOUTH MARKET STREET, SUITE 101
CARMICHAELS, PENNSYLVANIA 15320
(724) 966-8953

BROWNSVILLE OFFICE:
113 THORNTON ROAD
BROWNSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 15417
(724) 785-8477

WAYNESBURG OFFICE:
81 W. HIGH STREET
SUITE 2
WAYNESBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 15370
(724) 627-8883



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

CHAIRMAN, SOUTHWEST DEMOCRATIC
DELEGATION

DEPUTY WHIP

COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY
LABOR & INDUSTRY

CAUCUSES

COAL CAUCUS, CO-CHAIR
BROADBAND CAUCUS, CO-CHAIR

August 22, 2022

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Second Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RCVD PUC SEC BUR
AUG 23 2022 AM 10:42

RE: East Dunkard Water Authority (C-2021-3027615)

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

For nearly a decade, I have attempted to help the customers of the East Dunkard Water Authority (EDWA) receive safe and clean drinking water. Unfortunately, the former EDWA board members rejected assistance at every turn, insisting they could repair the treatment plant. After all these years, the current customers are still dealing with water quality issues, and have faced several weeks of Boil Water Advisories from the Department of Environmental Protection just in the last year.

Finally, EDWA is under new management with a brand-new board of directors ready to take on this Goliath task to provide clean drinking water to local residents. This group of passionate public servants have faced adversity at every turn. With a declining customer base that is already in a low-income area, EDWA is significantly cash-strapped to make the improvements needed. In May, I helped Greene County secure a \$2 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to begin work on the authority's system, and I have supported congressionally directed spending initiatives for the authority.

The authority has begun conversations with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority for a potential takeover, or the purchase of water. Even still, any takeover or partnership is years away. These EDWA customers need clean water now, and these funds will allow for temporary fixes to improve their water quality until they can afford a long-term solution.

It's my understanding that EDWA is facing a potential fine from the Public Utility Commission for administrative paperwork failures. While I have been critical of the past leadership of EDWA and asked for action to be taken, this fine now will significantly impact the progress that has been made in the past year. EDWA needs every penny available to them to invest into their water system to provide safe drinking water to their customers.

Public (P)

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta
August 22, 2022
Page 2

I respectfully request the PUC dismisses this fine against EDWA so that the new members of the board can invest this money into the antiquated system and end this public health crisis. A fine such as this will only be a setback to the health, safety, and welfare of my constituents. Please allow the new management and its new engineer the ability to invest into a system that has been ignored and neglected for decades.

Please help my constituents get safe drinking water by allowing this money to be invested into the system. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Pam Snyder
State Representative
50th Legislative District

cc: Hon. Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chair
Hon. John F. Coleman Jr., Vice Chair
Hon. Ralph Yanora, Commissioner
Mr. JJ Livingston, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs

RCVD PUC SEC BUR
AUG 23 2022 AM 10:42
Pub