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

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. The York Water Company (Water & Wastewater) / Docket Nos. R-2022-3031340, R-2022-3032806

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Implementation Order at *Electronic Access to Pre-Served Testimony*, Docket No. M-2012-2331973, requires that all testimony furnished to the court reporter during a proceeding must subsequently be provided to the Secretary's Bureau.

As such, this letter will confirm that the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") has e-filed the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Brian Kalcic labeled OSBA Statement No. 1, the Rebuttal Testimony, labeled OSBA Statement No. 1-R, and the Surrebuttal Testimony, labeled OSBA Statement No. 1-S, on behalf of the OSBA, in the above-captioned proceedings.

All known parties were previously served with the aforementioned Testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven C. Gray

Steven C. Gray Senior Supervising Assistant Small Business Advocate Attorney I.D. No. 77538

Enclosures

cc: Brian Kalcic Parties of Record (Cover Letter and Certificate of Service Only)



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 19, 2022

The Honorable Katrina L. Dunderdale Administrative Law Judge Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Piatt Place 301 5th Avenue, Suite 220 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. The York Water Company (Water & Wastewater) / Docket Nos. R-2022-3031340, R-2022-3032806

Dear Judge Dunderdale:

Enclosed please find the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Brian Kalcic, labeled OSBA Statement No. 1, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), in the above-captioned proceedings.

As evidenced by the enclosed Certificate of Service, all known parties will be served, as indicated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven C. Gray

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OSBA STATEMENT NO. 1

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION :

| v. | : | Docket No. R-2022-3031340 |
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| | | Docket No. R-2022-3032806 |
| THE YORK WATER COMPANY | : | |

Direct Testimony and Exhibits of

BRIAN KALCIC

On Behalf of the

Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate

Topics:

Revenue Allocation Act 11 Revenue Requirement Scale Back of Rates

Date Served: August 19, 2022

Date Submitted for the Record: November 4, 2022

| 1 | | I. QUALIFICATIONS AND OVERVIEW |
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| 2 | Q. | Please state your name and business address. |
| 3 | А. | Brian Kalcic, 7330 Dorset Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63130. |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | Q. | What is your occupation? |
| 6 | A. | I am an economist and consultant in the field of public utility regulation, and |
| 7 | | principal of Excel Consulting. My qualifications are described in the Appendix to |
| 8 | | this testimony. |
| 9 | | |
| 10 | Q. | On whose behalf are you testifying in this case? |
| 11 | A. | I am testifying on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), |
| 12 | | which is representing the small business customers served by The York Water |
| 13 | | Company ("York" or the "Company"). |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | Q. | What is the subject of your testimony? |
| 16 | A. | My direct testimony addresses a number of topics. First, I will review and critique |
| 17 | | York's class revenue allocation for water service, and allocation of Act 11 revenues |
| 18 | | to water service classes. Second, I will evaluate the propriety of the Company's |
| 19 | | proposed wastewater increases and proposed Act 11 revenue requirement, and |
| 20 | | sponsor changes, where appropriate. |
| 21 | | |
| 22 | Q. | Do you have any preliminary comments? |

| 1 | | Yes. I wish to note at the outset that my recommendations and schedules reflect the |
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| 2 | | Company's full rate request in this proceeding. Any such reference is intended for |
| 3 | | comparison purposes only and should not be construed as a recommendation by the |
| 4 | | OSBA that the Commission grant York's request in whole or in part. |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | Q. | How is your testimony organized? |
| 7 | А. | My direct testimony is structured as follows. Section I of my testimony contains |
| 8 | | my qualifications and an overview of my testimony. Section II examines the |
| 9 | | Company's proposed class revenue allocation for water service and allocation of |
| 10 | | Act 11 revenues, and presents the OSBA's alternative recommendations and scale |
| 11 | | back proposal. In Section III, I discuss the Company's proposed wastewater |
| 12 | | increases and Act 11 revenue requirement, and present the OSBA's alternative |
| 13 | | recommendations and Act 11 scale back proposal. |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | Q. | Please summarize your recommendations. |
| 16 | A. | Based on my analysis of the Company's filing and discovery responses, I |
| 17 | | recommend that the ALJ and Commission: |
| 18 | | |
| 19 | | • Adopt York's proposed revenue allocation for water service, exclusive of |
| 20 | | Act 11 considerations, since it moves all rate classes to their respective |
| 21 | | cost-based revenue levels; |
| 22 | | • Adopt the OSBA's recommended methodology for allocating the |
| 23 | | Company's Act 11 revenue requirement to water service classes, which |

| 1 | would recover Act 11 wastewater subsidies from water customers on a |
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| 2 | revenue-neutral basis, by customer class; |
| 3 | • Adopt the OSBA's recommended wastewater service increases, which |
| 4 | would increase total wastewater revenues by \$2.5 million or 58.3%; |
| 5 | • Adopt the OSBA's recommended Act 11 revenue requirement of \$1.7 |
| 6 | million; and |
| 7 | • Adopt the OSBA's recommended water, wastewater and Act 11 scale back |
| 8 | proposals in the event that the Commission awards York less than its |
| 9 | requested increase in this proceeding. |
| 10 | |
| 11 | The specific details associated with my recommendations are discussed below. |
| 12 | |

| 1 | | II. WATER SERVICE |
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| 2 3 | | Water Revenue Allocation |
| 4 | Q. | Mr. Kalcic, please describe the Company's current water rate structure. |
| 5 | A. | At present, the Company serves approximately 70,000 customers via two rate |
| 6 | | areas. ¹ Each rate area contains separate rate schedules for residential, commercial |
| 7 | | and industrial general metered service ("GMS") customers. In addition, the |
| 8 | | Company maintains separate private and public fire service rate schedules in each |
| 9 | | rate area. |
| 10 | | All GMS customers are subject to the same set of (fixed) customer charges, |
| 11 | | which vary by meter size. However, the Company's consumption charges differ by |
| 12 | | rate class, and by rate area. In particular, all Gravity system rate classes are subject |
| 13 | | to lower consumption charges than their corresponding Repumped system classes. |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | Q. | Is York proposing any changes to its current rate structure? |
| 16 | A. | No, it is not. |
| 17 | | |
| 18 | Q. | How does the Company propose to recover its requested base revenue increase |
| 19 | | in this case? |
| 20 | A. | Schedule BK-1W provides a summary of the Company's proposed class revenue |
| 21 | | allocation. Page 1 shows the Company's proposed revenue allocation on a total |

¹ The Company's rate areas are referred to as the Gravity system and the Repumped system.

| 21 | | reallocation of Act 11 revenues? |
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| 20 | Q. | What is the Company's revenue allocation proposal exclusive of its proposed |
| 19 | | |
| 18 | | next section of my testimony. |
| 17 | | recommended reduction to York's proposed Act 11 revenue requirement, in the |
| 16 | | low. I will discuss the OSBA's recommended wastewater increases, and its |
| 15 | A. | No. In the OSBA's view, the Company's proposed wastewater increases are far too |
| 14 | | requirement? |
| 13 | Q. | Does the OSBA agree with the magnitude of York's proposed Act 11 revenue |
| 12 | | |
| 11 | | wastewater revenue requirement from water service customers under Act 11. |
| 10 | A. | Yes. As discussed below, York proposes to recover \$2.7 million of its claimed |
| 9 | | a portion of York's claimed wastewater revenue requirement? |
| 8 | Q. | Do the class water increases shown in Schedule BK-1W reflect the recovery of |
| 7 | | |
| 6 | | high of 44.4% (Commercial). |
| 5 | | proposed increases to sales classes range from a low of 18.7% (Public Fire) to a |
| 4 | | increase in total base rate water revenues is 35.1% (see line 8). The Company's |
| 3 | | As shown on page 1 of Schedule BK-1W, the proposed system average |
| 2 | | systems are shown on pages 2 and 3, respectively. ² |
| 1 | | system basis, while the Company's proposed increases to its Gravity and Repumped |

² Note that this order of presentation, i.e., Total System on page 1, followed by the Gravity and Repumped systems on pages 2-3, applies to all of the applicable schedules included in Mr. Kalcic's direct testimony.

| 1 | A. | Page 1 of Schedule BK-2W summarizes the Company's proposed revenue |
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| 2 | | allocation for water service exclusive of Act 11 revenues. The adjusted system |
| 3 | | average increase in total water revenues is 30.2% (line 8), and individual customer |
| 4 | | class increases range from a low of 18.7% (Public Fire) to a high of 41.5% |
| 5 | | (Commercial). |
| 6 | | |
| 7 | Q. | What specific guidelines did York employ in developing its proposed revenue |
| 8 | | allocation for water service in this proceeding? |
| 9 | A. | On page 10 of her direct testimony, Ms. Heppenstall lists two specific rate design |
| 10 | | guidelines or directives that were conveyed to her by Company management: 1) |
| 11 | | increase public fire hydrant rates, as necessary, to recover 25% of the cost of |
| 12 | | service per Section 1328 of the Public Utility Code; and 2) increase all remaining |
| 13 | | customer and consumption charges so as to move total revenues, by class, toward |
| 14 | | the indicated cost of service of each class, while recovering the Company's claimed |
| 15 | | revenue requirement. |
| 16 | | |
| 17 | Q. | With respect to the second directive, does Ms. Heppenstall provide any |
| 18 | | indication that the Company's proposed revenue allocation would move all |
| 19 | | rate classes closer to cost of service? |
| 20 | А. | Yes. Continuing on page 11 of her direct testimony, Ms. Heppenstall states that "as |
| 21 | | shown on Schedule A of Exhibit No. FVIII, the revenues under proposed rates in |
| 22 | | column 6 result in revenues that are closely aligned with the allocated cost of |
| 23 | | service in column 2." |

| 1 | | |
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| 2 | Q. | Have you examined whether York's proposed class revenue allocation, |
| 3 | | exclusive of Act 11 considerations, is successful in moving all rate classes closer |
| 4 | | to cost of service? |
| 5 | A. | Yes, by examining changes in the levels of water revenue subsidies, by customer |
| 6 | | class, at present and Company proposed rates. |
| 7 | | |
| 8 | Q. | Why is information about class subsidies relevant to determining movement |
| 9 | | toward cost of service? |
| 10 | A. | By definition, if a class is not paying exactly its full cost of service, it is either: a) |
| 11 | | receiving a subsidy (i.e., paying too little); or b) providing a subsidy (i.e., paying |
| 12 | | too much). In order to determine whether or not a class is moving toward cost of |
| 13 | | service, one must ascertain whether the class's present subsidy is growing or |
| 14 | | shrinking at proposed rates. If its present subsidy is growing at proposed rates, the |
| 15 | | class is moving in the wrong direction (i.e., away from cost of service). |
| 16 | | Conversely, if its present subsidy is shrinking at proposed rates, the class is moving |
| 17 | | closer to cost of service. |
| 18 | | In short, the proper yardstick for measuring the degree of movement toward |
| 19 | | cost of service is the change in the absolute level of class subsidies at present and |
| 20 | | proposed rates. |
| 21 | | |
| 22 | Q. | Has the Commission recently indicated its agreement with your position that |
| 23 | | the proper metric for measuring the degree of movement toward cost of |

| Direct Testimony | of Brian | Kalcic |
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| 1 | | service is the change in the absolute level of class subsidies at present and |
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| 2 | | proposed rates? |
| 3 | A. | Yes. On page 36 of its Opinion and Order in the City of Bethlehem – Water |
| 4 | | Department base rate proceeding at Docket No. R-2020-3020256, entered on April |
| 5 | | 15, 2021, the Commission stated: "As noted by the OSBA, the proper yardstick for |
| 6 | | measuring the degree of movement toward cost of service is the change in the |
| 7 | | absolute level of class subsidies at present and proposed rates." |
| 8 | | |
| 9 | Q. | Have you calculated the class subsidies associated with York's present and |
| 10 | | proposed water rates, using the Company's water cost-of-service study |
| 11 | | ("WCOSS")? |
| 12 | A. | Yes, in Schedule BK-3W. |
| 13 | | |
| 14 | Q. | How did you calculate the subsidies that are reported on pages 1-3 of Schedule |
| 15 | | BK-3W? |
| 16 | A. | The subsidies are derived by subtracting each class's cost-of-service based revenue |
| 17 | | requirement, exclusive of the cost of wastewater service, as measured by the |
| 18 | | Company's WCOSS, from the class's total revenue contribution (again, net of any |
| 19 | | proposed contributions toward wastewater service), at present and Company |
| 20 | | proposed rates. These calculations provide a dollar measure of the difference |
| 21 | | between actual class water revenues and those revenue levels that, if attained, |
| 22 | | would produce equalized class rates of return at present and Company proposed |
| 23 | | rates. |

| 1 | | As previously discussed, classes that exhibit a reduction in the (absolute) |
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| 2 | | magnitude of their respective subsidies are moving closer to cost of service. |
| 3 | | Conversely, classes that exhibit an increase in the (absolute) magnitude of their |
| 4 | | respective subsidies are moving away from cost of service. |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | Q | What do the class subsidy results shown in Schedule BK-3W indicate with |
| 7 | | regard to the Company's goal of moving all rate classes closer to cost of |
| 8 | | service? |
| 9 | A. | On a rate area basis, a comparison of the total Gravity and Repumped system results |
| 10 | | shown on line 6, pages 2 and 3 of Schedule BK-3W, indicates that the Gravity |
| 11 | | system as a whole receives a subsidy of approximately \$589,000 from the |
| 12 | | Repumped system at present rates. This subsidy would be reduced (within rate |
| 13 | | design rounding) to zero under York's proposed rates. |
| 14 | | In addition, on a total system basis, a comparison of columns 1 and 2 on |
| 15 | | page 1 of Schedule BK-3W shows that the present subsidies (provided or received) |
| 16 | | of all customer classes would be eliminated (within rate design rounding) under |
| 17 | | York's proposed revenue allocation. In other words, all customer classes would |
| 18 | | move to full cost of service, exclusive of Act 11 considerations, under the |
| 19 | | Company's revenue allocation proposal. |
| 20 | | |
| 21 | Q. | Are you therefore in agreement with the Company's proposed revenue |
| 22 | | allocation for water service, exclusive of Act 11 considerations? |
| 23 | A. | Yes, I am. |

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| 2 | | Allocation of Act 11 Revenues |
| 3 | Q. | How did York allocate its proposed Act 11 revenue requirement to water |
| 4 | | service classes? |
| 5 | A. | Since most of York's wastewater customers are residential and commercial, the |
| 6 | | Company allocated Act 11 revenue responsibility to its residential and commercial |
| 7 | | water service classes, in both its Gravity and Repumped service areas, in proportion |
| 8 | | to each class's relative share of allocated water service costs, i.e., based on each |
| 9 | | class's relative water cost of service, before any assignment of Act 11 revenue |
| 10 | | responsibility. ³ |
| 11 | | |
| 12 | Q. | Is the OSBA in agreement with the Company's method of allocating its |
| 13 | | proposed Act 11 revenue requirement to water service classes? |
| 14 | A. | No. As discussed below, York's proposed method of recovering Act 11 revenues is |
| 15 | | inconsistent with the manner by which the Company determines its Act 11 revenue |
| 16 | | requirement shortfall. |
| 17 | | |
| 18 | Q. | Please explain. |
| 19 | A. | As illustrated in Table 1 below, the Company's total proposed shift in Act 11 |
| 20 | | revenue responsibility of \$2.7 million is determined by the difference between (i) |
| 21 | | its claimed wastewater revenue requirement of \$8.3 million, and (ii) the total level |

³ See York Statement No. 108, at page 8.

| 1 | of proposed wastewater revenues of \$5.6 million. ⁴ To recover the \$2.7 million | | | | |
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| 2 | revenue shortfall in a consistent fashion, the Company should assign each water | | | | |
| 3 | service class an amount equal to the difference between the corresponding | | | | |
| 4 | wastewater class's (i) total revenue requirement, i.e., total cost of service as | | | | |
| 5 | determined by the Company's wastewater cost-of-service study ("WWCOSS"), and | | | | |
| 6 | (ii) total level of proposed revenues. | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | |
| 8 | Table 1 | | | | |
| 9 | Summary of Class Contributions to | | | | |
| 10 | York's Proposed Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$2.7 m. | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | |
| - | Total Total Proposed | | | | |

| | Total | Total | Proposed |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Claimed WW | Proposed WW | Act 11 |
| | Cost of Service | Revenues | Subsidy |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) = (1)-(2) |
| Residential | \$6,934,645 | \$4,956,259 | \$1,978,386 |
| Non-Residential | <u>1,350,380</u> | <u>657,889</u> | <u>692,491</u> |
| Subtotal Sales | \$8,285,025 | \$5,614,148 | \$2,670,877 |
| Other Revenues | <u>4,861</u> | <u>4,861</u> | - |
| Total Revenue Requirement | \$8,289,886 | \$5,619,009 | \$2,670,877 |
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Source: Exhibit No. FVIII-WA, Schedule A.

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Put simply, the allocation of York's Act 11 revenue requirement to water
service classes on the basis of corresponding wastewater class contributions to the
Company's Act 11 revenue requirement shortfall will ensure that wastewater

⁴ See York's response to OSBA-I-5.

| OSBA's recommended allocation |
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| quirement to water service |
| |
| 's recommended allocation of |
| customer class, in column 3. The |
| s, inclusive of an Act 11 revenue |
| n 4, which may be compared to |
| chedule BK-1W. |
| |
| mmercial class increases shown |
| e OSBA's corresponding class |
| s that the case? |
| with respect to the method used to |
| npany's Residential and |
| my's proposal to allocate Act 11 |
| sis of relative water cost of service |
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⁵ Note that the OSBA's recommended Industrial, Private Fire Protection and Public Fire Protection increases are unchanged from York's proposal since: 1) the OSBA has accepted the Company's proposed revenue allocation for water service, exclusive of Act 11 considerations, shown in Schedule BK-2W; and 2) neither York nor the OSBA propose to allocate any Act 11 revenue responsibility to industrial or fire protection customers.

| 1 | | happens to produce an outcome that mirrors the results obtained under the OSBA's |
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| 2 | | recommended methodology. |
| 3 | | Such happenstance is not an indication that the two methods are equivalent, |
| 4 | | or will always produce similar results. |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | Q. | What information does Schedule BK-5W contain? |
| 7 | A. | As I indicated earlier, the OSBA objects to the overall magnitude of the Company's |
| 8 | | proposed shift in wastewater revenue responsibility to water customers. Schedule |
| 9 | | BK-5W shows the OSBA's total recommended increases in class water revenues, |
| 10 | | inclusive of its recommended Act 11 revenue requirement of \$1.7 million. |
| 11 | | The OSBA recommended Act 11 revenue requirement is discussed in |
| 12 | | Section III of my testimony. |
| 13 | | |
| 14 | | Scale Back of Water Rates |
| 15 | Q. | Do you have a scale back recommendation in the event that the Commission |
| 16 | | grants the Company a water revenue increase, exclusive of Act 11, that is less |
| 17 | | than the \$16.2 million total shown on line 8 of Schedule BK-2W? |
| 18 | A. | I do. In that event, I would recommend that the class increases shown in column 2 |
| 19 | | of Schedule BK-2W, excluding Public Fire Protection, be scaled back |
| 20 | | proportionately via an across-the-board reduction of the Company's proposed class |
| 21 | | increases within the Gravity and Repumped systems. |
| 22 | | |

| 1 | Q. | Should the Act 11 revenues assigned to water classes also be subject to scale | | |
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| 2 | | back at the conclusion of this proceeding? | | |
| 3 | A. | Yes. However, the amount of any such scale back will be dependent upon (i) the | | |
| 4 | | level of the Company's awarded wastewater revenue requirement and (ii) the final | | |
| 5 | | level of wastewater rates. As a result, the Act 11 revenue responsibility assigned to | | |
| 6 | | water classes should be subject to a separate scale back at the conclusion of this | | |
| 7 | | case. | | |
| 8 | | My wastewater- and Act 11-related scale back recommendations are | | |
| 9 | | discussed in the next section of my testimony. | | |
| 10 | | | | |
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| 1 | | III. WASTEWATER SERVICE |
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| 2 3 | | Wastewater Rate Increases |
| 4 | Q. | How does York propose to adjust its wastewater service revenues in this |
| 5 | | proceeding? |
| 6 | A. | Schedule BK-1WW shows York's proposed wastewater increases, by customer |
| 7 | | class. The Company proposes to assign residential and non-residential wastewater |
| 8 | | customers an average increase of 33.5% and 48.3%, respectively. In aggregate, |
| 9 | | York is proposing to increase existing wastewater revenues by \$1.5 million, or |
| 10 | | 35.0%. |
| 11 | | |
| 12 | Q. | How did York arrive at its proposal to limit the overall wastewater increase to |
| 13 | | 35.0%? |
| 14 | A. | The Company sought to move wastewater rates toward full cost of service while |
| 15 | | avoiding the rate shock that would occur if wastewater rates were to reflect full cost |
| 16 | | of service. ⁶ |
| 17 | | As shown in Table 1 above, the Company's proposal to limit its overall |
| 18 | | wastewater increase to 35.0% necessitates that \$2.7 million of York's claimed |
| 19 | | wastewater revenue requirement be recovered from water service customers. |
| 20 | | |
| 21 | Q. | As a general matter, does the OSBA oppose a shift of York's claimed |
| 22 | | wastewater revenue requirement to water customers? |

⁶ See the Company's response to I&E-RS-1-D.

| 1 | A. | No. I am advised by Counsel that Act 11 permits the recovery of a portion of the | | |
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| 2 | | Company's wastewater revenue requirement from water customers in a given rate | | |
| 3 | | proceeding, in order to mitigate the rate increases that wastewater service customers | | |
| 4 | | might otherwise experience. | | |
| 5 | | However, Counsel also advises that Act 11 does not authorize a permanent | | |
| 6 | | shift in revenue responsibility from wastewater to water customers. In other words, | | |
| 7 | | Act 11 does not supersede the cost-of-service principles established by the | | |
| 8 | | Commonwealth Court's decision in <i>Lloyd</i> . ⁷ | | |
| 9 | | | | |
| 10 | Q. | Is the OSBA in agreement with the Company's overall proposed wastewater | | |
| 11 | | increase, and associated Act 11 revenue requirement? | | |
| 12 | A. | No. The OSBA strongly disagrees with the overall level of York's proposed | | |
| 13 | | wastewater increase. | | |
| 14 | | | | |
| 15 | Q. | Why? | | |
| 16 | A. | The evidence in this case shows that wastewater customers, collectively, would pay | | |
| 17 | | \$2.7 million less than their total cost of service under the Company's proposed | | |
| 18 | | revenue levels. Yet, York proposes to assign its subsidized wastewater customers | | |
| 19 | | an overall increase of just 35.0% (Schedule BK-1WW), while assigning its | | |
| 20 | | subsidizing water service customers an overall increase of 35.1% (Schedule BK- | | |
| 21 | | 1W). The Company's overall (water and wastewater) system average increase is | | |

⁷ The Commonwealth Court has unambiguously decided that cost of service should be the "polestar" criterion for rate-setting. In *Lloyd v. Pa. PUC*, the Court held that other rate-making concerns could not trump cost of providing service. *Lloyd v. Pa. PUC*, 904 A.2d 1010, 1020 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2006).

| 1 | also 35.1%. Consequently, one must conclude that the relative magnitude of York's |
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| 2 | overall wastewater and water increases in this proceeding are not reflective of cost |
| 3 | of service. |

Within a given rate proceeding, it is axiomatic that a necessary condition for an under-contributing class to move closer to cost of service is that the class receive an increase greater than the system average. Since York proposes to assign its wastewater service customers an increase (35.0%) that is slightly less than the system average (35.1%), it is not possible for the Company's wastewater service customers to move closer to their collective cost of service at York's proposed wastewater revenue levels.

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Q. What are the OSBA's recommended increases in wastewater revenues, by customer class, at York's requested wastewater revenue requirement level?

A. The OSBA recommends that York's wastewater classes receive an across-the-board
rate increase of 58.4%, resulting in an overall increase of \$2.4 million or 58.3%, as
shown in Schedule BK-2WW.

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18 Q. How did you determine that wastewater customers should receive an average 19 base rate increase of 58.4%?

A. In the OSBA's view, it is both reasonable and appropriate that York's wastewater
customers be assigned a greater overall increase than water customers in this case,
while still limiting the resulting rate impact on wastewater customers. To that end,
I determined that York's overall wastewater increase should be limited to 1.75

| 1 | | times the overall water increase in this proceeding. Accordingly, the OSBA is |
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| 2 | | proposing to increase overall wastewater revenues by 58.3% (see Schedule BK- |
| 3 | | 2WW, line 5), which is 1.75 times the OSBA's overall recommended increase in |
| 4 | | water revenues of 33.3% (see Schedule BK-5W, page 1, line 8). |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | Q. | Is the OSBA proposing to assign an across-the-board increase of 58.4% to all |
| 7 | | of the Company's existing wastewater <i>charges</i> ? |
| 8 | A. | No. The OSBA's recommended wastewater rate design is intended to limit overall |
| 9 | | class increases to 58.4%, while facilitating the consolidation of York's existing |
| 10 | | wastewater rates over time. |
| 11 | | The OSBA's recommended wastewater rate design is presented in Schedule |
| 12 | | BK-3WW. |
| 13 | | |
| 14 | Q. | How does the OSBA's additional wastewater increase impact the Company's |
| 15 | | Act 11 revenue requirement? |
| 16 | A. | Since the OSBA's overall recommended wastewater increase is \$0.972 million |
| 17 | | greater than proposed by York, the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue |
| 18 | | requirement is reduced by the same amount. The OSBA's overall recommended |
| 19 | | Act 11 revenue requirement is therefore \$1.7 million (see Schedule BK-4WW, line |
| 20 | | 5), which is 20.5% of the Company's claimed wastewater revenue requirement. |
| 21 | | |
| 22 | Q. | How does the OSBA propose to allocate its recommended Act 11 revenue |
| 23 | | requirement of \$1.7 million to York's water service customers? |

| 1 | A. | As discussed in the previous section of my testimony, the OSBA recommends that | | |
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| 2 | | the Commission approve the allocation of Act 11 revenues to water service classes | | |
| 3 | | on a revenue neutral basis, by customer class. The OSBA's proposed allocation of | | |
| 4 | | its recommended Act 11 revenue requirement of \$1.7 million is shown in column 3 | | |
| 5 | | of Schedule BK-4WW. | | |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | Scale Back of Wastewater Rates & Act 11 Revenues | | |
| 8 | Q. | Do you have a scale back recommendation pertaining to wastewater rates in | | |
| 9 | | the event that the Commission awards the Company an overall wastewater | | |
| 10 | | revenue requirement that is less than York's requested amount of \$8.3 million | | |
| 11 | | shown on line 5 of Schedule BK-4WW? | | |
| 12 | A. | Yes. In that event, I would recommend that no scale back be applied to wastewater | | |
| 13 | | rates unless the Company's awarded wastewater revenue requirement is less than | | |
| 14 | | the OSBA's recommended wastewater revenue level of \$6.6 million shown in | | |
| 15 | | Schedule BK-4WW. Should the Company's awarded revenue requirement be less | | |
| 16 | | than \$6.6 million, I would recommend that the OSBA's recommended wastewater | | |
| 17 | | rates be reduced proportionately. | | |
| 18 | | | | |
| 19 | Q. | How should the Act 11 revenues assigned to water classes be scaled back at the | | |
| 20 | | conclusion of this proceeding? | | |
| 21 | A. | By definition, the Company's awarded Act 11 revenue requirement will be equal to | | |
| 22 | | the difference between York's: 1) awarded wastewater revenue requirement, and 2) | | |
| 23 | | total approved wastewater revenues. In order to ensure that York's awarded Act 11 | | |
| | | | | |

| 10 | Q. | Does this conclude your direct testimony? |
|----|----|--|
| 9 | | |
| 8 | | class's scaled back revenue requirement. |
| 7 | | requirement level, and ii) final wastewater class revenues be subtracted from each |
| 6 | | proportionately, so as to reflect the Company's awarded wastewater revenue |
| 5 | | requirements shown in column 1 of Schedule BK-4W W be scaled back |
| 4 | | To do so, I recommend that i) the individual wastewater class revenue |
| 3 | | class's contribution to the Company's final Act 11 revenue requirement. |
| 2 | | neutral basis, by customer class, the Commission should determine each wastewater |
| 1 | | revenue requirement is recovered from water service customers on a revenue |

11 A. Yes.

EXHIBIT BK-1 W

Schedules BK-1W through BK-5W

Company Proposed Allocation of its Requested Increase in Total Base Water Revenue Total System <u>(Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)</u>

| Present | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|--|
| | | Base | Proposed In | crease | |
| <u>Line</u> | Classification | Revenue 1/ | Amount | Percent | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 1 | Residential | \$34,469,296 | \$11,604,135 | 33.7% | |
| 2 | Commercial | \$10,567,063 | \$4,694,995 | 44.4% | |
| 3 | Industrial | \$4,075,103 | \$1,692,582 | 41.5% | |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$2,019,336 | \$578,320 | 28.6% | |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,392,525</u> | <u>\$260,445</u> | 18.7% | |
| 6 | Subtotal | \$52,523,323 | \$18,830,477 | 35.9% | |
| 7 | Other Revenue | <u>\$1,119,149</u> | <u>\$22,876</u> | 2.0% | |
| 8 | Total Company | \$53,642,472 | \$18,853,353 | 35.1% | |

Source: Exhibit No. FVIII, Schedule A

Company Proposed Allocation of its Requested Increase in Total Base Water Revenue Gravity System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | Present Base | Proposed In | oroaco |
|------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Line | Classification | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | Amount | Percent |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Residential | \$9,781,992 | \$3,529,238 | 36.1% |
| 2 | Commercial | \$3,610,022 | \$1,654,386 | 45.8% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$851,750 | \$387,235 | 45.5% |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$673,909 | \$240,608 | 35.7% |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$268,062</u> | <u>\$55,732</u> | 20.8% |
| 6 | Total Gravity | \$15,185,735 | \$5,867,199 | 38.6% |

Source: Exhibit No. FVIII, Schedule A

Company Proposed Allocation of its Requested Increase in Total Base Water Revenue Repumped System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | Present | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| | | Base | Proposed In | crease |
| <u>Line</u> | Classification | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | Amount | Percent |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Residential | \$24,687,304 | \$8,074,897 | 32.7% |
| 2 | Commercial | \$6,957,041 | \$3,040,609 | 43.7% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$3,223,353 | \$1,305,347 | 40.5% |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$1,345,427 | \$337,712 | 25.1% |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,124,463</u> | <u>\$204,713</u> | 18.2% |
| 6 | Total Repumped | \$37,337,588 | \$12,963,278 | 34.7% |

Source: Exhibit No. FVIII, Schedule A

Company Proposed Allocation of its Requested Increase in Water Revenue, Exclusive of Act 11 Total System <u>(Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)</u>

| | | Present | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| | | Base | Proposed In | crease |
| <u>Line</u> | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | Amount | Percent |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Residential | \$34,469,296 | \$9,618,028 | 27.9% |
| 2 | Commercial | \$10,567,063 | \$4,010,245 | 38.0% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$4,075,103 | \$1,692,582 | 41.5% |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$2,019,336 | \$578,320 | 28.6% |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,392,525</u> | <u>\$260,445</u> | 18.7% |
| 6 | Subtotal | \$52,523,323 | \$16,159,620 | 30.8% |
| 7 | Other Revenue | <u>\$1,119,149</u> | <u>\$22,876</u> | 2.0% |
| 8 | Total Company | \$53,642,472 | \$16,182,496 | 30.2% |

Source: Exhibit No. FVIII, Schedule A

Company Proposed Allocation of its Requested Increase in Water Revenue, Exclusive of Act 11 Gravity System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | Present | Due in e e e e l lie | |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------|
| | | Base | Proposed In | crease |
| Line | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | Amount | Percent |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Residential | \$9,781,992 | \$2,955,444 | 30.2% |
| 2 | Commercial | \$3,610,022 | \$1,418,170 | 39.3% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$851,750 | \$387,235 | 45.5% |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$673,909 | \$240,608 | 35.7% |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$268,062</u> | <u>\$55,732</u> | 20.8% |
| 6 | Total Gravity | \$15,185,735 | \$5,057,189 | 33.3% |

Source: Exhibit No. FVIII, Schedule A

Company Proposed Allocation of its Requested Increase in Water Revenue, Exclusive of Act 11 Repumped System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | Present | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| | | Base | Proposed In | crease |
| <u>Line</u> | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | Amount | Percent |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Residential | \$24,687,304 | \$6,662,584 | 27.0% |
| 2 | Commercial | \$6,957,041 | \$2,592,075 | 37.3% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$3,223,353 | \$1,305,347 | 40.5% |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$1,345,427 | \$337,712 | 25.1% |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,124,463</u> | <u>\$204,713</u> | 18.2% |
| 6 | Total Repumped | \$37,337,588 | \$11,102,431 | 29.7% |

Source: Exhibit No. FVIII, Schedule A

Class Revenue Subsidies at Present and Company Proposed Rates Total System - Water Service Only (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| <u>Line</u> | <u>Classification</u> | - | Present Subsidy 1 | Proposed Subsidy 2 |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Residential | | \$57,569 | (\$414) |
| 2 | Commercial | | (\$329,392) | \$238 |
| 3 | Industrial | | (\$182,932) | (\$222) |
| 4 | Private Fire | | \$181,406 | \$61 |
| 5 | Public Fire | | <u>\$273,360</u> | <u>(\$37)</u> |
| 6 | Total Company | | \$11 | (\$374) |
| | | | | |
| | | Source: | Sch. BK-3W, | Sch. BK-3W, |

Note: A positive subsidy figure indicates that a class is <u>providing</u> a subsidy; negative figure indicates that it is receiving a subsidy.

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Class Revenue Subsidies at Present and Company Proposed Rates Gravity System - Water Service Only (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| <u>Line</u> | <u>Classification</u> | Present Subsidy | Proposed Subsidy |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | Residential | (\$336,937) | \$311 |
| 2 | Commercial | (\$229,432) | (\$410) |
| 3 | Industrial | (\$82,223) | (\$149) |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$11,158 | (\$42) |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$48,348</u> | <u>\$35</u> |
| 6 | Total Gravity | (\$589,086) | (\$255) |

| Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Exh. No. FVIII, |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Sch. A | Sch. A |
| | & York WCOSS at | |
| | Present Rates | |

Note: A positive subsidy figure indicates that a class is <u>providing</u> a subsidy; negative figure indicates that it is receiving a subsidy.

Class Revenue Subsidies at Present and Company Proposed Rates Repumped System - Water Service Only (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| <u>Line</u> | <u>Classification</u> | Present Subsidy 1 | Proposed Subsidy 2 |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Residential | \$394,506 | (\$725) |
| 2 | Commercial | (\$99,960) | \$648 |
| 3 | Industrial | (\$100,709) | (\$73) |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$170,248 | \$103 |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$225,012</u> | <u>(\$72)</u> |
| 6 | Total Repumped | \$589,097 | (\$119) |

| Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Exh. No. FVIII, |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Sch. A | Sch. A |
| | & York WCOSS at | |
| | Present Rates | |

Note: A positive subsidy figure indicates that a class is <u>providing</u> a subsidy; negative figure indicates that it is receiving a subsidy.

Company Proposed Allocation of its Claimed Increase in its Water Service Revenue Requirement, with OSBA's Allocation of York's Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$2.7 million Total System <u>(Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)</u>

| | | | | OSBA | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | Present | York | Allocation of | | |
| | | Base | Proposed | York Act 11 | Total | % |
| <u>Line</u> | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | Increase | <u>Rev. Req.</u> | Increase | <u>lnc.</u> |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4=2+3 | 5=4/1 |
| 1 | Residential | \$34,469,296 | \$9,618,028 | \$1,978,386 | \$11,596,414 | 33.6% |
| | | | | | | |
| 2 | Commercial | \$10,567,063 | \$4,010,245 | \$692,491 | \$4,702,736 | 44.5% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$4,075,103 | \$1,692,582 | \$0 | \$1,692,582 | 41.5% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$4,075,105 | φ1,092,302 | Ф О | φ1,092,302 | 41.5% |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$2,019,336 | \$578,320 | \$0 | \$578,320 | 28.6% |
| | | | | | | |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,392,525</u> | <u>\$260,445</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$260,445</u> | 18.7% |
| 6 | Subtatal | ФЕО БОО ООО | ¢16 150 620 | ¢0 670 977 | ¢10 020 407 | 25.00/ |
| 0 | Subtotal | \$52,523,323 | \$16,159,620 | \$2,670,877 | \$18,830,497 | 35.9% |
| 7 | Other Revenue | <u>\$1,119,149</u> | <u>\$22,876</u> | | <u>\$22,876</u> | 2.0% |
| | | | | | | |
| 8 | Total Company | \$53,642,472 | \$16,182,496 | | \$18,853,373 | 30.2% |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Schedule | OSBA |
|---------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| | Schedule A | BK-2W | Table 1 |

Note:

1/ Excludes DSIC and STAS surcharges.

Company Proposed Allocation of its Claimed Increase in its Water Service Revenue Requirement, with OSBA's Allocation of York's Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$2.7 million Gravity System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | | | OSBA | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | Present | York | Allocation of | | |
| | | Base | Proposed | York Act 11 | Total | % |
| <u>Line</u> | Classification | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Rev. Req.</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Inc.</u> |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4=2+3 | 5=4/1 |
| 1 | Residential | \$9,781,992 | \$2,955,444 | \$571,564 | \$3,527,008 | 36.1% |
| 2 | Commercial | \$3,610,022 | \$1,418,170 | \$238,886 | \$1,657,056 | 45.9% |
| | | | | | | |
| 3 | Industrial | \$851,750 | \$387,235 | \$0 | \$387,235 | 45.5% |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$673,909 | \$240,608 | \$0 | \$240,608 | 35.7% |
| | | | | | | |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$268,062</u> | <u>\$55,732</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$55,732</u> | 20.8% |
| 6 | Total Gravity | \$15,185,735 | \$5,057,189 | \$810,450 | \$5,867,639 | 38.6% |
| | | | | | | |
| | Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Schedule | OSBA | | |

Schedule A BK-2W Table 1

Note:

1/ Excludes DSIC and STAS surcharges.

Company Proposed Allocation of its Claimed Increase in its Water Service Revenue Requirement, with OSBA's Allocation of York's Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$2.7 million Repumped System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | | | OSBA | | |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | Present | York | Allocation of | | |
| | | Base | Proposed | York Act 11 | Total | % |
| Line | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Rev. Req.</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>lnc.</u> |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4=2+3 | 5=4/1 |
| 1 | Residential | \$24,687,304 | \$6,662,584 | \$1,406,822 | \$8,069,406 | 32.7% |
| | | | | | | |
| 2 | Commercial | \$6,957,041 | \$2,592,075 | \$453,605 | \$3,045,680 | 43.8% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$3,223,353 | \$1,305,347 | \$0 | \$1,305,347 | 40.5% |
| Ū | induotitat | <i>Q</i> 0 ,220,000 | ¢1,000,011 | ψŪ | ¢1,000,011 | 10.070 |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$1,345,427 | \$337,712 | \$0 | \$337,712 | 25.1% |
| | | | | | | |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,124,463</u> | <u>\$204,713</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$204,713</u> | 18.2% |
| 6 | Total Repumped | \$37,337,588 | \$11,102,431 | \$1,860,427 | \$12,962,858 | 34.7% |
| | | | | | | |

| Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Schedule | OSBA |
|---------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| | Schedule A | BK-2W | Table 1 |

Note:

1/ Excludes DSIC and STAS surcharges.

Company Proposed Allocation of its Claimed Increase in its Water Service Revenue Requirement, with OSBA's Recommended Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$1.7 million Total System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | | | OSBA | | |
|------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Present | York | Allocation of | - / · | 0/ |
| Lina | Classification | Base | Proposed | York Act 11 | Total | % |
| Line | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> 1 | <u>Increase</u> 2 | <u>Rev. Req.</u> 3 | <u>Increase</u> 4=2+3 | <u>lnc.</u> 5=4/1 |
| | | I | Z | 5 | 4-2-5 | 5-4/1 |
| 1 | Residential | \$34,469,296 | \$9,618,028 | \$1,051,614 | \$10,669,642 | 31.0% |
| | | | | | | |
| 2 | Commercial | \$10,567,063 | \$4,010,245 | \$647,568 | \$4,657,813 | 44.1% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$4,075,103 | \$1,692,582 | \$0 | \$1,692,582 | 41.5% |
| U | industrial | ψ-,070,100 | ψ1,002,002 | ψŪ | ψ1,002,002 | 41.070 |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$2,019,336 | \$578,320 | \$0 | \$578,320 | 28.6% |
| _ | | • · · · | | | • | |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,392,525</u> | <u>\$260,445</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$260,445</u> | 18.7% |
| 6 | Subtotal | \$52,523,323 | \$16,159,620 | \$1,699,182 | \$17,858,802 | 34.0% |
| U | Cubiotal | ψ02,020,020 | ψ10,100,020 | ψ1,000,10Z | ψ17,000,002 | 04.070 |
| 7 | Other Revenue | <u>\$1,119,149</u> | <u>\$22,876</u> | | <u>\$22,876</u> | 2.0% |
| | | | | | | |
| 8 | Total Company | \$53,642,472 | \$16,182,496 | | \$17,881,678 | 33.3% |
| | | | | | | |

| Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Schedule | Schedule |
|---------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| | Schedule A | BK-2W | BK-4WW |

Note:

Company Proposed Allocation of its Claimed Increase in its Water Service Revenue Requirement, with OSBA's Recommended Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$1.7 million Gravity System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | | OSBA | | |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| | Present | York | Allocation of | | |
| | | • | | | % |
| <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | <u>Increase</u> | | Increase | <u>lnc.</u> |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4=2+3 | 5=4/1 |
| Residential | \$9,781,992 | \$2,955,444 | \$303,816 | \$3,259,260 | 33.3% |
| | | | | | |
| Commercial | \$3,610,022 | \$1,418,170 | \$223,389 | \$1,641,559 | 45.5% |
| | | \$207 005 | \$ 0 | | |
| Industrial | \$851,750 | \$387,235 | \$0 | \$387,235 | 45.5% |
| Private Fire | \$673.909 | \$240.608 | \$0 | \$240.608 | 35.7% |
| | + , | + , | + - | + | |
| Public Fire | <u>\$268,062</u> | <u>\$55,732</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$55,732</u> | 20.8% |
| | | | | | |
| Total Gravity | \$15,185,735 | \$5,057,189 | \$527,205 | \$5,584,394 | 36.8% |
| | | | | | |
| Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Schedule | Schedule | | |
| | Commercial Industrial Private Fire Public Fire Total Gravity | ClassificationBase Revenue 1/ 1Residential\$9,781,992Commercial\$3,610,022Industrial\$851,750Private Fire\$673,909Public Fire\$268,062Total Gravity\$15,185,735 | ClassificationBase Revenue 1/ 1Proposed Increase 2Residential\$9,781,992\$2,955,444Commercial\$3,610,022\$1,418,170Industrial\$851,750\$387,235Private Fire\$673,909\$240,608Public Fire\$268,062\$55,732Total Gravity\$15,185,735\$5,057,189 | Present Base Revenue 1/ 1York Proposed Increase 2Allocation of York Act 11 Rev. Req. 3Residential\$9,781,992\$2,955,444\$303,816Commercial\$3,610,022\$1,418,170\$223,389Industrial\$851,750\$387,235\$0Private Fire\$673,909\$240,608\$0Public Fire\$268,062\$55,732\$0Total Gravity\$15,185,735\$5,057,189\$527,205 | Present Base Revenue 1/ 1 York Proposed 2 Allocation of York Act 11 Rev. Req. 3 Total Increase 4=2+3 Residential \$9,781,992 \$2,955,444 \$303,816 \$3,259,260 Commercial \$3,610,022 \$1,418,170 \$223,389 \$1,641,559 Industrial \$851,750 \$387,235 \$0 \$387,235 Private Fire \$673,909 \$240,608 \$0 \$240,608 Public Fire \$268,062 \$55,732 \$0 \$55,732 Total Gravity \$15,185,735 \$5,057,189 \$527,205 \$5,584,394 |

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| | Schedule A | BK-2W | BK-4WW |

Note:

Company Proposed Allocation of its Claimed Increase in its Water Service Revenue Requirement, with OSBA's Recommended Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$1.7 million Repumped System (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | | | OSBA | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|--|-------------------|-------------|
| | | Present | York | Allocation of | | |
| | | Base | Proposed | York Act 11 | Total | % |
| <u>Line</u> | <u>Classification</u> | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Rev. Req.</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Inc.</u> |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4=2+3 | 5=4/1 |
| 1 | Residential | \$24,687,304 | \$6,662,584 | \$747,798 | \$7,410,382 | 30.0% |
| | | <i>+_</i> , <i>,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</i> | + - ; = ; | <i>•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••</i> | <i>••••••••••</i> | ,. |
| 2 | Commercial | \$6,957,041 | \$2,592,075 | \$424,179 | \$3,016,254 | 43.4% |
| 3 | Industrial | \$3,223,353 | \$1,305,347 | \$0 | \$1,305,347 | 40.5% |
| Ū | induction | <i>\$0,220,000</i> | ¢ 1,000,011 | φe | ¢ 1,000,011 | 1010 /0 |
| 4 | Private Fire | \$1,345,427 | \$337,712 | \$0 | \$337,712 | 25.1% |
| 5 | Public Fire | <u>\$1,124,463</u> | <u>\$204,713</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$204,713</u> | 18.2% |
| Ū | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |
| 6 | Total Repumped | \$37,337,588 | \$11,102,431 | \$1,171,977 | \$12,274,408 | 32.9% |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| Source: | Exh. No. FVIII, | Schedule | Schedule |
|---------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| | Schedule A | BK-2W | BK-4WW |

Note:

EXHIBIT BK-1 WW

Schedules BK-1WW through BK-4WW

Company Proposed Allocation of its Requested Increase in Total Base Wastewater Revenue (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | Present Base | Proposed In | crease |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| <u>Line</u> | Classification | Revenue 1/ | Amount | Percent |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Residential | \$3,713,704 | \$1,242,555 | 33.5% |
| 2 | Non-Residential | <u>\$443,699</u> | <u>\$214,190</u> | 48.3% |
| 3 | Total Sales | \$4,157,403 | \$1,456,745 | 35.0% |
| 4 | Other Revenue | <u>\$4,861</u> | <u>\$0</u> | 0.0% |
| 5 | Total Company | \$4,162,264 | \$1,456,745 | 35.0% |

Source: Exhibit No. FVIII-WA, Schedule A

OSBA Recommended Increases in Base Wastewater Revenues, by Customer Class (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | Present Base | OSBA Recommended | Recomm. In | crease |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|
| <u>Line</u> | Classification | <u>Revenue 1/</u> | Revenue | Amount | Percent |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3=2-1 | 4=3/1 |
| 1 | Residential | \$3,713,704 | \$5,883,031 | \$2,169,327 | 58.4% |
| 2 | Non-Residential | <u>\$443,699</u> | <u>\$702,812</u> | <u>\$259,113</u> | 58.4% |
| 3 | Total Sales | \$4,157,403 | \$6,585,843 | \$2,428,440 | 58.4% |
| 4 | Other Revenue | <u>\$4,861</u> | <u>\$4,861</u> | <u>\$0</u> | 0.0% |
| 5 | Total Company | \$4,162,264 | \$6,590,704 | \$2,428,440 | 58.3% |

Source: Exh. No. FVIII-WA, Sch. BK-3WW Schedule A

Note:

THE YORK WATER COMPANY APPLICATION OF OSBA RECOMMENDED RATES TO CONSUMPTION ANALYSIS WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2024

| Rate Block, 100 Gallons (1) | Pro Forma Number of Bills (2) | Pro Forma Consumption, 100 Gallons (3) | | OSBA Base Rates (4) | | venue at OSBA <u>se Rates</u> (5) |
|--|---|--|----------------------|--|------|--|
| | RESIDEN | TIAL | | | | |
| <u>Metered</u> Minimum Charge 1 Minimum Charge 2 Customer Charge | 8,102 7,916 24,564 40,582 | 192,282 187,860 380,142 | \$ | 87.50 87.50 78.03 | | 708,954 692,650 <u>1,916,729</u> 3,318,333 |
| Over 4,000 Gallons - Rate 1 Over 4,000 Gallons - Rate 2 First 3,500 gallons Next 3,500 gallons Over 7,000 gallons | - - - - - - | 49,174 53,250 633,978 153,372 <u>31,764</u> 921,538 | | 0.7617 0.7617 0.7617 1.0000 1.2500 | | 37,456 40,561 482,901 153,372 <u>39,705</u> 753,995 |
| Total Residential -Metered | 40,582 | 1,301,680 | | | | 4,072,328 |
| <u>Unmetered</u> Unmetered Rate 1 Unmetered Rate 2 Unmetered Rate 3 Unmetered Rate 4 Total Residential - Unmetered Total Residential | 2,830 20,707 1,370 2,200 27,107 67,689 | - - - - - 1,301,680 | \$ \$ \$ \$ | 87.50 60.40 87.50 87.50 | | 247,625 1,250,703 119,875 192,500 1,810,703 5,883,031 |
| Total Residential | 07,009 | 1,301,000 | | | | 3,003,031 |
| <u>CO</u> | MMERCIAL AND | DINDUSTRIAL | | | | |
| <u>Metered</u> Minimum Charge 1 Minimum Charge 2 Customer Charge | 464 470 <u>360</u> 1,294 | 13,782 13,945 27,727 | \$ | 87.50 87.50 78.03 | \$ | 40,600 41,081 28,091 109,772 |
| Over 4,000 Gallons - Rate 1 Over 4,000 Gallons - Rate 2 First 3,500 gallons Next 3,500 gallons Over 7,000 gallons | - - - - - - | 6,732 8,866 7,597 5,016 <u>64,392</u> 92,603 | \$ | 0.7617 0.7617 0.7617 1.0000 1.2500 | \$ | 5,128 6,753 5,787 5,016 80,490 103,174 |
| Total Commercial and Industrial -Metered | 1,294 | 120,330 | | | | 212,946 |
| <u>Unmetered</u> Unmetered Rate 1 Unmetered Rate 2 Unmetered Rate 3 Unmetered Rate 4 Total Commercial and Industrial - Unmetered | - 6,527 132 <u>36</u> 6,695 | - - - - | \$\$\$\$ | 87.50 72.80 87.50 87.50 | \$ | 475,166 11,550 3,150 489,866 |
| Total Commercial and Industrial | 7,989 | 120,330 | | | \$ | 702,812 |
| Total - All Classes | 75,678 | 1,422,010 | | | \$ 6 | 5,585,843 |

Summary of Class Contribbutions to OSBA's Recommended Act 11 Revenue Requirement of \$1.7 m. (Future Test Period Ending February 29, 2024)

| | | | Total | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Total | OSBA | OSBA |
| | | Claimed WW | Recomm. | Act 11 |
| <u>Line</u> | Classification | Cost of Service | <u>Revenues</u> | <u>Subsidy</u> |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Residential | \$6,934,645 | \$5,883,031 | \$1,051,614 |
| 2 | Non-Residential | <u>\$1,350,380</u> | <u>\$702,812</u> | <u>\$647,568</u> |
| 3 | Total Sales | \$8,285,025 | \$6,585,843 | \$1,699,182 |
| 4 | Other Revenue | <u>\$4,861</u> | <u>\$4,861</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| 5 | Total Company | \$8,289,886 | \$6,590,704 | \$1,699,182 |

Source: Exh. No. FVIII-WA, Sch. BK-2WW Schedule A

EXHIBIT BK-1 IR

REFERENCED INTERROGATORY RESPONSES

OSBA-I-5

I&E-RS-1-D (Wastewater)

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. The York Water Company Docket No. R-2022-3031340

Office of Small Business Advocate Interrogatories Set 1

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE INTERROGATORY OSBA SET 1, NO. 5

Reference Schedule H of Exhibit No. FVIII. Please explain in detail how the Company determined that water service customers should recover \$2.671 million of the Company's claimed wastewater service revenue requirement.

RESPONDENT:

C. E. Heppenstall Gannett Fleming

DATE:

June 27, 2022

RESPONSE:

The amount of wastewater cost of service to be recovered from water customers was based on the difference between the total pro forma wastewater cost of service and the proposed revenues from wastewater customers based on a 35% increase to existing wastewater rates.

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THE YORK WATER COMPANY - WASTEWATER DOCKET NO. R-2022-3032806

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT INTERROGATORIES SET RS

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT INTERROGATORY I&E-RS-1-D

Reference York Exhibit FII-2, page 10 showing present and proposed revenue for both water and wastewater. Provide the following:

A. An explanation as to why the increase to wastewater customers is limited to 35%.

B. All studies, analysis, or supporting back-up information that 35% is the highest increase that should apply to wastewater revenue.

C. Any Commission order or prior specific agreements approved by the Commission that limits the increase to 35%.

RESPONDENT:

M. E. Poff CFO

DATE:

June 29, 2022

RESPONSE:

- A. The increase to wastewater customers was established at 35% to move the rates toward reflecting full cost of service but limiting it to avoid rate shock that would be associated with reflecting full cost of service.
- B. The Company has no studies, analysis, or supporting back-up information to provide.
- C. The Company is not aware of any orders or agreements that limits the increase to 35%.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX

Qualifications of Brian Kalcic

Mr. Kalcic graduated from Benedictine University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in December 1974. In May 1977 he received a Master of Arts degree in Economics from Washington University, St. Louis. In addition, he completed all course requirements at Washington University for a Ph.D. in Economics.

From 1977 to 1982, Mr. Kalcic taught courses in economics at both Washington University and Webster University, including Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Theory, Labor Economics and Public Finance.

During 1980 and 1981, Mr. Kalcic was a consultant to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, St. Louis District Office. His responsibilities included data collection and organization, statistical analysis and trial testimony.

From 1982 to 1996, Mr. Kalcic was employed by the firm of Cook, Eisdorfer & Associates, Inc. During that time, he participated in the analysis of electric, gas and water utility rate case filings. His primary responsibilities included cost-of-service and economic analysis, model building, and statistical analysis.

In March 1996, Mr. Kalcic founded Excel Consulting, a consulting practice that offers business and regulatory analysis.

Mr. Kalcic has previously testified before the state regulatory commissions of Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and also before the Bonneville Power Administration.

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

| Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission | : | |
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| | : | |
| v. | : | Docket No. R-2022-3031340 |
| | : | Docket No. R-2022-3032806 |
| | : | |
| The York Water Company | : | |

VERIFICATION

I, Brian Kalcic, hereby state that the facts set forth in my Direct Testimony labeled OSBA Statement No. 1 are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: August 18, 2022

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(Signature)

Brian Kalcic

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

v.

THE YORK WATER COMPANY

Docket No. R-2022-3031340 Docket No. R-2022-3032806

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email (*unless other noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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DATE: August 19, 2022

/s/ Steven C. Gray

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

September 16, 2022

The Honorable Katrina L. Dunderdale Administrative Law Judge Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Piatt Place 301 5th Avenue, Suite 220 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. The York Water Company (Water & Wastewater) / Docket Nos. R-2022-3031340, R-2022-3032806

Dear Judge Dunderdale:

Enclosed please find the Rebuttal Testimony of Brian Kalcic, labeled OSBA Statement No. 1-R, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), in the above-captioned proceedings.

As evidenced by the enclosed Certificate of Service, all known parties will be served, as indicated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven C. Gray

Steven C. Gray Senior Supervising Assistant Small Business Advocate Attorney ID No. 77538

Enclosures

cc: PA PUC Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta (Cover Letter & Certificate of Service only) Brian Kalcic Parties of Record

OSBA STATEMENT NO. 1-R

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION :

| V. | : | Docket No. R-2022-3031340 |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | : | Docket No. R-2022-3032806 |
| THE YORK WATER COMPANY | : | |

Rebuttal Testimony of

BRIAN KALCIC

On Behalf of the

Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate

Topics:

Water Cost-of-Service Study & Revenue Allocation Allocation of Act 11 Revenue Requirement Wastewater Rates Scale Back of Rates

Date Served: September 16, 2022

Date Submitted for the Record:

| 1 | Q. | Please state your name and business address. |
|----------|----|--|
| 2 | А. | Brian Kalcic, 7330 Dorset Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63130. |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | Q. | Have you previously submitted testimony in this proceeding? |
| 5 | A. | Yes. |
| 6 | | |
| 7 | Q. | What is the subject of your rebuttal testimony? |
| 8 | A. | I will respond to certain issues raised in the direct testimony of the following |
| 9 | | witnesses: 1) Jerome D. Mierzwa, on behalf of the OCA; and 2) Ethan H. Cline on |
| 10 | | behalf of I&E. |
| 11 | | |
| 12 | | OCA Witness Mierzwa |
| 13 14 | Q. | Does Mr. Mierzwa accept the Company's filed water cost-of-service study |
| 15 | | ("WCOSS") in this proceeding? |
| 16 | A. | No. In Mr. Mierzwa's view, the Company's Base, Extra-Capacity ("BEC") |
| 17 | | WCOSS employs (i) inappropriate system maximum day and hour capacity ratios |
| 18 | | and (ii) inappropriate maximum-day ("max-day") and maximum-hour ("max- |
| 19 | | hour") <i>class</i> capacity factors. ¹ |
| 20 | | |
| 21 | Q. | Please summarize the major components of the BEC cost methodology that is |
| 22 | | used in the Company's WCOSS. |

¹ See page 3 of OCA Statement 4.

| 1 | A. | By way of background, the BEC methodology consists of two primary steps. First, |
|----|----|--|
| 2 | | the utility's system-wide revenue requirement is <i>classified</i> (or split) into various |
| 3 | | functional cost categories, namely: 1) base; 2) extra capacity (which consists of |
| 4 | | maximum day and maximum hour costs); 3) customer; and 4) fire protection costs. |
| 5 | | Second, each functional cost category is <i>allocated</i> to rate classes in accordance with |
| 6 | | a factor that reflects relative cost responsibility. As such, the BEC classification |
| 7 | | and allocation steps combine to produce a measure of total cost of service, by rate |
| 8 | | class. |
| 9 | | |
| 10 | Q. | What role do system maximum day and maximum hour capacity ratios serve |
| 11 | | in the BEC cost methodology? |
| 12 | A. | The BEC methodology uses system maximum day and maximum hour ratios to |
| 13 | | determine the level of costs that are classified as base-, maximum day- and |
| 14 | | maximum hour-related in the WCOSS. All else equal, the greater the level of usage |
| 15 | | on the system maximum day and in the system maximum hour, compared to the |
| 16 | | level of average daily usage level on the system over the test year, the greater the |
| 17 | | amount of costs deemed to be (i.e., classified as) either maximum day and/or |
| 18 | | maximum hour related, as opposed to base (or average day) related. |
| 19 | | |
| 20 | Q. | What system maximum day and maximum hour ratios does the Company |
| 21 | | employ in its WCOSS? |

| 1 | A. | The Company uses system maximum day and maximum hour ratios of 1.52 and |
|----|----|---|
| 2 | | 1.84, respectively, which represent the highest actual maximum day and hour |
| 3 | | demands, respectively, measured on York's system over the period 2000-2021. |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | Q. | Why does Mr. Mierzwa claim that the Company's system capacity ratios are |
| 6 | | inappropriate? |
| 7 | A. | In Mr. Mierzwa's view, the system ratios used by the Company are outdated. |
| 8 | | |
| 9 | Q. | What system maximum day and maximum hour ratios does Mr. Mierzwa |
| 10 | | recommend? |
| 11 | A. | In the OCA's WCOSS, Mr. Mierzwa employs system maximum day and maximum |
| 12 | | hour ratios of 1.35 and 1.65, respectively, which represent the highest actual |
| 13 | | demands measured on York's system over the period 2015-2021. |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | Q. | Do you agree that it is reasonable to use the period 2015-2021 to determine the |
| 16 | | system maximum day and hour demand ratios to be used in a BEC cost study |
| 17 | | of York's water system? |
| 18 | A. | No. First, the system capacity ratios used in the BEC methodology are intended (i) |
| 19 | | to reflect how a utility's system is designed or, alternatively, (ii) to identify the |
| 20 | | functions that utility facilities serve, i.e., base, maximum day or maximum hour. |
| 21 | | The fact that the actual system maximum day and maximum hour demands |
| 22 | | experienced on the York system over the last seven years have not reached the |

| 1 | | highest levels recorded since 2000 does not mean that the Company's system is no |
|--|-----------------|--|
| 2 | | longer designed to meet those historical demands. |
| 3 | | Second, I would point out that the system maximum day demand of 1.52 |
| 4 | | used in the Company's WCOSS occurred relatively recently - in 2010, which is |
| 5 | | only five years prior to the start of Mr. Mierzwa's proposed review period. |
| 6 | | Similarly, I would note that while Mr. Mierzwa proposes to use a system maximum |
| 7 | | hour ratio of 1.65 in the OCA's WCOSS, the Company's system has experienced |
| 8 | | actual maximum hour usage levels in excess of 1.65 in three of the last twelve |
| 9 | | years. In other words, the actual levels of maximum day and maximum hour |
| 10 | | demands experienced on York's system in recent years would suggest that the |
| 11 | | OCA's proposed ratios are unreasonably low. |
| 10 | | |
| 12 | | |
| 12 | Q. | Mr. Kalcic, please turn now to Mr. Mierzwa's second area of disagreement |
| | Q. | Mr. Kalcic, please turn now to Mr. Mierzwa's second area of disagreement with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity |
| 13 | Q. | |
| 13 14 | Q. A. | with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity |
| 13 14 15 | | with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity factors, and what role do such factors play in the BEC cost methodology? |
| 13 14 15 16 | | with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity factors, and what role do such factors play in the BEC cost methodology? The BEC methodology uses two types of capacity factors: 1) a max-day factor; and |
| 13 14 15 16 17 | | with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity factors, and what role do such factors play in the BEC cost methodology? The BEC methodology uses two types of capacity factors: 1) a max-day factor; and 2) a max-hour factor. The max-day factor for each class is intended to reflect the |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 | | with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity factors, and what role do such factors play in the BEC cost methodology? The BEC methodology uses two types of capacity factors: 1) a max-day factor; and 2) a max-hour factor. The max-day factor for each class is intended to reflect the ratio of the class's maximum day usage to its average day usage. Similarly, the |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 | | with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity factors, and what role do such factors play in the BEC cost methodology? The BEC methodology uses two types of capacity factors: 1) a max-day factor; and 2) a max-hour factor. The max-day factor for each class is intended to reflect the ratio of the class's maximum day usage to its average day usage. Similarly, the max-hour factor for each class is intended to reflect the ratio of the class's |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 | | with the Company's WCOSS – class capacity factors. What are class capacity factors, and what role do such factors play in the BEC cost methodology? The BEC methodology uses two types of capacity factors: 1) a max-day factor; and 2) a max-hour factor. The max-day factor for each class is intended to reflect the ratio of the class's maximum day usage to its average day usage. Similarly, the max-hour factor for each class is intended to reflect the ratio of the class's maximum hour usage to its average hourly usage. |

| 1 | | |
|----|----|---|
| 2 | Q. | Are the class capacity factor values that appear in the Company's WCOSS the |
| 3 | | same as those used in York's prior rate cases? |
| 4 | A. | Yes. |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | Q. | Why then does Mr. Mierzwa claim that the Company's class capacity factors |
| 7 | | are inappropriate? |
| 8 | A. | In Mr. Mierzwa's opinion, the Company's capacity factors are outdated, since the |
| 9 | | factors are based, in part, on customer demand studies that were conducted in 1976- |
| 10 | | 1977. ² |
| 11 | | |
| 12 | Q. | Did Mr. Mierzwa develop alternate class capacity factors for use in this |
| 13 | | proceeding? |
| 14 | A. | Yes, based on the procedure described in an appendix to the American Water |
| 15 | | Works Association's Manual of Water Supply Practices ("AWWA Manual"). |
| 16 | | |
| 17 | Q. | Does the AWWA procedure rely on a direct measurement of class capacity |
| 18 | | factors, as in a customer demand study? |
| 19 | A. | No. The intent of the AWWA methodology is to provide an <i>estimate</i> of class max- |
| 20 | | day and max-hour usage ratios when actual class usage information (such as that |
| 21 | | obtained from a customer demand study) is unavailable. |

² A demand study measures actual customer demand and usage levels from a statistically representative sample of customers, by class, over a period of time.

| 1 | | |
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| 2 | Q. | Please provide a general overview of how the AWWA procedure estimates |
| 3 | | class max-day capacity factors. |
| 4 | A. | The AWWA procedure employs three steps. First, a class maximum month (max- |
| 5 | | month) ratio is calculated by dividing: a) the average day consumption in the |
| 6 | | class's maximum-usage month; by b) the class's annual average day consumption. |
| 7 | | Second, the class max-month ratios from Step 1 are multiplied by the ratio of the |
| 8 | | system maximum day usage to the average usage in the system maximum month. ³ |
| 9 | | Third, the cumulative class ratios from Steps 1 and 2 are multiplied by an |
| 10 | | adjustment factor that is intended to recognize the daily and weekly fluctuations in |
| 11 | | maximum day demand across customer classes. |
| 12 | | |
| 13 | Q. | Did Mr. Mierzwa employ these three steps when estimating class max-day |
| 14 | | capacity factors for York's system? |
| 15 | A. | Yes, he did. |
| 16 | | |
| 17 | Q. | How did Mr. Mierzwa determine the class max-day variance adjustment |
| 18 | | factors (i.e., Step 3 in the AWWA methodology) to be used in his analysis? |
| 19 | A. | To my knowledge Mr. Mierzwa undertook no specific empirical analysis to |
| 20 | | determine appropriate max-day variance factors for York's system. Instead, Mr. |
| 21 | | Mierzwa simply employed the same max-day variance factors that appear in the |
| 22 | | AWWA Manual. |

³ Note that this adjustment factor is the same for all rate classes.

| 1 | | |
|----|----|--|
| 2 | Q. | Is it reasonable to use the AWWA's class variance factors for York's system? |
| 3 | A. | No, because class variance factors play too important a role in determining class |
| 4 | | capacity factors (in the AWWA methodology) to simply adopt the example variance |
| 5 | | factors that are used in the AWWA Manual. |
| 6 | | |
| 7 | Q. | Please explain. |
| 8 | A. | As previous discussed, the max-day capacity factor for each class is intended to |
| 9 | | reflect the ratio of the class's maximum day usage to its average day usage. By |
| 10 | | definition, the first two steps of the AWWA methodology, which utilize only |
| 11 | | readily available monthly usage data, cannot measure (or capture) daily fluctuations |
| 12 | | in demand across customer classes. In that sense, the AWWA methodology |
| 13 | | requires a representative set of class variance factors (for Step 3) in order to provide |
| 14 | | a reasonable estimate of the max-day factor for each class. The OCA has provided |
| 15 | | no evidence that the example class variance factors that appear in the AWWA |
| 16 | | Manual are appropriate for York's system. |
| 17 | | |
| 18 | Q. | Do you have any other comment? |
| 19 | A. | Yes. If a different set of class variance factors were to be used in the OCA's |
| 20 | | analysis, the resulting class max-day factors would differ from those used in the |
| 21 | | OCA's COSS. In other words, Step 3 of the AWWA procedure is determinative of |
| 22 | | the final result of the AWWA methodology. As such, there is all the more reason to |

| 1 | | ensure that the class variance factors used in the AWWA procedure are |
|----|----|---|
| 2 | | representative for the customer classes on a given utility system. |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | Q. | Mr. Kalcic, how does the AWWA methodology estimate class max-hour |
| 5 | | capacity factors? |
| 6 | A. | The AWWA approach estimates class max-hour capacity factors by multiplying the |
| 7 | | (previously estimated) class max-day capacity factors by an adjustment factor that is |
| 8 | | intended to recognize the daily and weekly fluctuations in maximum hour demand |
| 9 | | across rate classes. |
| 10 | | |
| 11 | Q. | How did Mr. Mierzwa determine the class <i>max-hour</i> variance factors to be |
| 12 | | used in his max-hour capacity factor analysis? |
| 13 | A. | To my knowledge, Mr. Mierzwa undertook no specific empirical analysis to |
| 14 | | determine appropriate max-hour variance factors for York's system. Once again, |
| 15 | | Mr. Mierzwa simply employed the same example max-hour variance factors that |
| 16 | | appear in AWWA Manual. |
| 17 | | |
| 18 | Q. | Do you find the OCA's class max-hour capacity factor analysis appropriate? |
| 19 | A. | No. As in the case of the class max-day capacity factor procedure, the AWWA |
| 20 | | methodology requires a representative set of max-hour variance factors in order to |
| 21 | | provide a reasonable estimate of the max-hour factor for each class. The OCA has |
| 22 | | provided no evidence that the example max-hour variance factors that appear in the |
| 23 | | AWWA Manual are appropriate for York's system. |

| 1 | | | |
|----|----|---|--|
| 2 | Q. | Does the OCA's use of alternative system demand ratios and class capacity | |
| 3 | | factors have a significant impact on class cost-of-service outcomes in this | |
| 4 | | proceeding? | |
| 5 | A. | Yes. Table 1-R below compares each class's total allocated cost of service, | |
| 6 | | exclusive of Act 11 considerations, under: 1) the Company's WCOSS; and 2) the | |
| 7 | | OCA's WCOSS. As shown in Table 1-R, the OCA's WCOSS shifts approximately | |
| 8 | | \$1.3 million of revenue responsibility from Residential customers to Commercial, | |
| 9 | | Industrial, and Fire Protection customers. | |
| 10 | | | |
| 11 | | Table 1-R | |
| 12 | | Comparison of Company and OCA WCOSS Results, | |
| 13 | | Exclusive of Act 11 Considerations | |
| 14 | | | |
| | | Company OC 1 | |

| | Company | OCA | |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Class | WCOSS | WCOSS | Difference |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) = (2)-(1) |
| Residential | \$44,087,738 | \$42,819,383 | -\$1,268,355 |
| Commercial | \$14,577,070 | \$15,325,308 | \$748,238 |
| Industrial | \$5,767,906 | \$6,053,924 | \$288,018 |
| Private Fire | \$2,597,596 | \$2,735,857 | \$138,261 |
| Public Fire | <u>\$1,653,008</u> | <u>\$1,745,442</u> | <u>\$92,434</u> |
| Total | \$68,683,318 | \$68,679,914 | -\$3,404 |

¹⁵

Source: York Exh. No. FVIII, Sch. D & OCA WCOSS Workpapers.

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17 Q. Does Mr. Mierzwa use the results of his WCOSS to determine the OCA's

18 proposed class increases, at York's claimed revenue requirement level?

| 1 | A. | Yes. Mr. Mierzwa's proposed class increases are based on moving all classes to |
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| 2 | | full cost of service, based on the OCA's WCOSS. ⁴ |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | Q. | Do you agree that it is appropriate to use the results of the OCA's WCOSS to |
| 5 | | determine class increases in this proceeding? |
| 6 | A. | No. First, the OCA has not provided valid evidence that the system maximum |
| 7 | | demand levels used in the Company's WCOSS are outdated. Second, as previously |
| 8 | | discussed, the OCA's class capacity factor analysis is deficient. Third, the system |
| 9 | | demand ratios and class capacity factors used in the OCA's WCOSS are |
| 10 | | unreasonably low and have a significant impact on reported class cost-of-service |
| 11 | | indications. As such, it would not be appropriate to adopt the OCA's WCOSS and |
| 12 | | it would not be reasonable to rely on the OCA's WCOSS results to determine final |
| 13 | | class increases in this proceeding. |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | Q. | What do you recommend? |
| 16 | A. | I recommend that the Commission reject the OCA's proposed WCOSS and class |
| 17 | | revenue allocation for water service. |
| 18 | | |
| 19 | Q. | On pages 22-23 of OCA Statement 4, Mr. Mierzwa discusses the Company's |
| 20 | | proposed method of allocating Act 11 revenue responsibility to water service |
| 21 | | classes. Mr. Mierzwa finds the Company's proposal to allocate Act 11 |
| 22 | | revenues based on the cost of water service "generally reasonable," but |

⁴ See Table 4 on page 17 of OCA Statement 4.

| 1 | | recommends that the Industrial and Private Fire Protection classes not be |
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| 2 | | excluded from an allocation of Act 11 revenues. Do you agree with the OCA's |
| 3 | | modified method of allocating Act 11 revenues to water service classes? |
| 4 | A. | I do not. As I discussed in my direct testimony, York's proposed method of |
| 5 | | allocating Act 11 revenues is inconsistent with the manner by which the Company |
| 6 | | determines its Act 11 revenue requirement shortfall. The OCA's proposal to |
| 7 | | include the Industrial and Private Fire Protection classes in the allocation does |
| 8 | | nothing to change that fact. |
| 9 | | Instead, York's Act 11 revenue requirement should be allocated to water |
| 10 | | service classes based on wastewater class contributions to the Company's Act 11 |
| 11 | | revenue requirement shortfall. Doing so will ensure that wastewater subsidies are |
| 12 | | properly recovered from water customers on a revenue neutral basis, by customer |
| 13 | | class. |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | Q. | On pages 23-24 of OCA Statement 4, Mr. Mierzwa discusses the magnitude of |
| 16 | | the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue requirement. Mr. Mierzwa finds that |
| 17 | | the Company's proposed Act 11 wastewater subsidy is "not reasonable," and |
| 18 | | recommends that York's Act 11 revenue requirement of \$2.67 million be |
| 19 | | reduced by \$625,000. How would the OCA's proposed reduction to York's Act |
| 20 | | 11 wastewater subsidy impact the Company's overall wastewater increase? |
| 21 | A. | The OCA's proposal would result in an overall wastewater increase of \$2.082 |
| 22 | | million or 50.1%, compared to the Company's proposed increase of \$1.456 million |
| 23 | | or 35.0%. |

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| 2 | Q. | How would the OCA's proposed reduction to York's Act 11 wastewater | | |
| 3 | | subsidy impact the Company's proposed wastewater <i>class</i> increases? | | |
| 4 | A. | Since Mr. Mierzwa does not provide an alternative wastewater rate design and | | |
| 5 | | proof of revenue that would implement the OCA's overall proposed wastewater | | |
| 6 | | increase of \$2.082 million, it is not clear to the OSBA what class increases would | | |
| 7 | | result. However, on page 24 of OCA Statement 4, at Table 5, Mr. Mierzwa appears | | |
| 8 | | to suggest that the OCA is seeking to implement Residential and Non-Residential | | |
| 9 | | wastewater class increases of 45.9% and 84.8%, respectively. | | |
| 10 | | | | |
| 11 | Q. | Would it be reasonable to implement a Non-Residential wastewater class | | |
| 12 | | increase of 84.8% in this proceeding? | | |
| 13 | A. | Certainly not. To put the OCA's proposed Non-Residential increase of 84.8% in | | |
| 14 | | perspective, the highest class increase proposed by York, I&E and the OSBA in this | | |
| 15 | | case is 48.3%, 53.0%, and 58.4%, respectively. ⁵ The OCA's proposed Non- | | |
| 16 | | Residential increase of 84.8% is clearly an outlier in this case, and would violate the | | |
| 17 | | traditional ratemaking principle of gradualism. The Commission should reject it. | | |
| 18 | | | | |
| 19 | | <u>I&E Witness Cline</u> | | |
| 20 21 | Q. | What is I&E's position regarding the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue | | |
| 22 | | requirement? | | |

⁵ See Schedules BK-1WW and BK-2WW, and I&E Exhibit No. 3, Schedule 7.

| 1 | A. | I&E recommends that the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue requirement be | |
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| 2 | | reduced to \$0.844 million, based on I&E's i) recommended reduction to the | |
| 3 | | Company's requested wastewater revenue requirement and ii) recommended | |
| 4 | | increase in overall wastewater revenues. ⁶ | |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | Q. | Does Mr. Cline specify how I&E's proposed Act 11 revenue requirement | |
| 7 | | should be allocated to the Company's water service classes? | |
| 8 | А. | No, he does not. | |
| 9 | | | |
| 10 | Q. | In the event the Commission were to adopt I&E's proposed Act 11 revenue | |
| 11 | | requirement, how should Act 11 revenues be allocated to water classes? | |
| 12 | А. | As I have previously testified, York's approved Act 11 revenue requirement should | |
| 13 | | be allocated to water service classes based on wastewater class contributions to the | |
| 14 | | Company's Act 11 revenue requirement shortfall. | |
| 15 | | | |
| 16 | Q. | On pages 22-24 of I&E Statement No. 3, Mr. Cline discusses I&E's scale back | |
| 17 | | proposal for water service customers. In the event that the Commission | |
| 18 | | awards York a final water increase that is less than its requested amount, Mr. | |
| 19 | | Cline recommends that the Company's proposed customer charges and usage | |
| 20 | | rates be adjusted "so that the increase by class is proportional to what the | |
| 21 | | Company proposed to produce the revenue level the Commission approves." | |
| 22 | | Do you agree with I&E's scale back proposal? | |

⁶ See I&E Statement No. 3 at page 6.

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| 1 | А. | I do not agree. Under I&E's proposal, the Company's proposed class water | | |
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| 2 | | increases, inclusive of Act 11, would be subject to a single scale back at the | | |
| 3 | | conclusion of this case. However, as I discussed on pages 13-14 of OSBA | | |
| 4 | | Statement No. 1, there should be a <i>separate</i> scale back applied to the i) water cost | | |
| 5 | | of service component and ii) Act 11 revenue requirement component of the | | |
| 6 | | Company's proposed class increases. | | |
| 7 | | For example, to the extent the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue | | |
| 8 | | requirement is reduced, the reduction should be applied/credited solely to the water | | |
| 9 | | classes originally allocated Act 11 revenue responsibility. To do so, a separate | | |
| 10 | | scale back must be applied to York's proposed allocation of Act 11 revenues. | | |
| 11 | | | | |
| | | What would be the result of adopting I&E's scale back proposal for the | | |
| 12 | Q. | What would be the result of adopting l&E's scale back proposal for the | | |
| 12 13 | Q. | What would be the result of adopting I&E's scale back proposal for the Company's water operations? | | |
| | Q. A. | | | |
| 13 | | Company's water operations? | | |
| 13 14 | | Company's water operations? I&E's proposal to scale back water rates so that final water class increases are | | |
| 13 14 15 | | Company's water operations? I&E's proposal to scale back water rates so that final water class increases are proportional to York's filed increases, <i>inclusive of Act 11</i> , would (i) fail to collect | | |
| 13 14 15 16 | | Company's water operations? I&E's proposal to scale back water rates so that final water class increases are proportional to York's filed increases, <i>inclusive of Act 11</i> , would (i) fail to collect final Act 11 wastewater subsidies from water customers on a revenue neutral basis, | | |
| 13 14 15 16 17 | | Company's water operations? I&E's proposal to scale back water rates so that final water class increases are proportional to York's filed increases, <i>inclusive of Act 11</i> , would (i) fail to collect final Act 11 wastewater subsidies from water customers on a revenue neutral basis, by customer class, and (ii) improperly credit a portion of any reduction in the | | |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 | | Company's water operations? I&E's proposal to scale back water rates so that final water class increases are proportional to York's filed increases, <i>inclusive of Act 11</i> , would (i) fail to collect final Act 11 wastewater subsidies from water customers on a revenue neutral basis, by customer class, and (ii) improperly credit a portion of any reduction in the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue requirement to classes that were not originally | | |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 | | Company's water operations? I&E's proposal to scale back water rates so that final water class increases are proportional to York's filed increases, <i>inclusive of Act 11</i> , would (i) fail to collect final Act 11 wastewater subsidies from water customers on a revenue neutral basis, by customer class, and (ii) improperly credit a portion of any reduction in the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue requirement to classes that were not originally assigned Act 11 revenue responsibility. | | |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 | | Company's water operations? I&E's proposal to scale back water rates so that final water class increases are proportional to York's filed increases, <i>inclusive of Act 11</i> , would (i) fail to collect final Act 11 wastewater subsidies from water customers on a revenue neutral basis, by customer class, and (ii) improperly credit a portion of any reduction in the Company's proposed Act 11 revenue requirement to classes that were not originally assigned Act 11 revenue responsibility. For example, if a single scale back were to be applied to the Company's | | |

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| 1 | | and ii) proposed Act 11 revenue requirement. As a result, those water classes that | | | |
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| 2 | | were not originally assigned Act 11 revenue responsibility, i.e., the Company's | | | |
| 3 | | Industrial and Fire Protection classes, would see their original proposed increases | | | |
| 4 | | reduced, in part, due to reductions in the Company's Act 11 revenue requirement. | | | |
| 5 | | There is simply no valid basis for sharing a reduction in York's proposed Act | | | |
| 6 | | 11 revenue requirement with the Company's Industrial and Fire Protection classes. | | | |
| 7 | | | | | |
| 8 | Q. | What do you recommend? | | | |
| 9 | A. | I recommend that the Commission reject I&E's scale back proposal for water | | | |
| 10 | | service customers. | | | |
| 11 | | | | | |
| 12 | Q. | Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony? | | | |
| 13 | A. | Yes. | | | |

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I, Brian Kalcic, hereby state that the facts set forth in my Rebuttal Testimony labeled OSBA Statement No. 1-R are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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Date: September 15, 2022

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

September 28, 2022

The Honorable Katrina L. Dunderdale Administrative Law Judge Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Piatt Place 301 5th Avenue, Suite 220 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. The York Water Company (Water & Wastewater) / Docket Nos. R-2022-3031340, R-2022-3032806

Dear Judge Dunderdale:

Enclosed please find the Surrebuttal Testimony of Brian Kalcic, labeled OSBA Statement No. 1-S, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), in the above-captioned proceedings.

As evidenced by the enclosed Certificate of Service, all known parties will be served, as indicated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Surrebuttal Testimony of

BRIAN KALCIC

On Behalf of the

Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate

Topics:

Allocation of Act 11 Revenue Requirement Wastewater Rates Scale Back of Rates

Date Served: September 28, 2022

Date Submitted for the Record: November 4, 2022

| 1 | Q. | Please state your name and business address. |
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| 2 | A. | Brian Kalcic, 7330 Dorset Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63130. |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | Q. | Have you previously submitted testimony in this proceeding? |
| 5 | A. | Yes. |
| 6 | | |
| 7 | Q. | What is the subject of your rebuttal testimony? |
| 8 | A. | I will respond to the rebuttal testimony of the following witnesses: 1) Constance E. |
| 9 | | Heppenstall, on behalf of the Company; and 2) Jerome D. Mierzwa, on behalf of the |
| 10 | | OCA. |
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| 12 | | <u>Company Witness Heppenstall</u> |
| 13 14 | Q. | On pages 1-2 of York Statement No. 108-R, Ms. Heppenstall discusses your |
| 15 | | proposal to recover Act 11 wastewater subsidies from water customers on a |
| 16 | | revenue-neutral basis, by customer class. Ms. Heppenstall states that even |
| 17 | | though your Act 11 allocation methodology differs from the Company's |
| 18 | | proposal, you support "the Company's revenue allocation as the different |
| 19 | | methodologies produce similar results." Do you have any comment? |
| 20 | A. | Yes. As I stated in my direct testimony, the two methodologies happen to produce |
| 21 | | similar results at the Company's proposed level of Act 11 revenues. The results |
| 22 | | may be expected to differ if the Commission approves an Act 11 revenue |
| 23 | | requirement that is higher or lower than York's proposed level of \$2.7 million. |

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| 1 | | So that the record is clear, I want to reiterate that the OSBA recommends the |
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| 2 | | Company's approved Act 11 revenue requirement be recovered from water service |
| 3 | | customers on a revenue-neutral basis, by customer class. |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | Q. | Continuing on page 2 of York Statement No. 108-R, Ms. Heppenstall states |
| 6 | | that York agrees with your "recommendation that the water class increases |
| 7 | | (except public fire) be scaled back proportionally, understanding that the scale |
| 8 | | back is dependent on the awarded wastewater revenue requirement and the |
| 9 | | final level of wastewater rates." Is that an accurate characterization of your |
| 10 | | scale back proposal? |
| 11 | А. | Ms. Heppenstall has accurately characterized my scale back proposal in the event |
| 12 | | the Commission grants York a water revenue increase, exclusive of Act 11, that is |
| 13 | | less than the Company's filed request of \$16.2 million. Again, so that the record is |
| 14 | | clear, I also recommend that a <i>separate</i> scale back be applied to the Act 11 |
| 15 | | revenues assigned to water service classes. ¹ |
| 16 | | |
| 17 | Q. | Finally, on page 2 of York Statement No. 108-R, Ms. Heppenstall disagrees |
| 18 | | with your recommended wastewater increase of 58.4%, arguing that such an |
| 19 | | increase would i) cause rate shock and ii) be unreasonable given that this |
| 20 | | proceeding constitutes the first rate increase applicable to certain customers |
| 21 | | since York acquired their former wastewater systems. Please respond. |

¹ See OSBA Statement No. 1 at pages 13-14, and pages 19-20.

| 1 | A. | First, I would point out that while the OSBA's recommended wastewater increase is |
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| 2 | | significant at 58.4%, such an increase is less than 2.0 times the OSBA's overall |
| 3 | | proposed water rate increase – a rate limit that is not unusual for base rate |
| 4 | | proceedings. Second, the Company's proposed base rate wastewater increase of |
| 5 | | 35% is actually less than its proposed base rate water service increase of 35.9%. In |
| 6 | | that respect, York's proposed wastewater increase is clearly insufficient, in as much |
| 7 | | as water service customers are subsidizing York's wastewater operations. Third, |
| 8 | | wastewater rates should move toward cost in each York rate proceeding. The fact |
| 9 | | that this rate case constitutes the first rate increase applicable to certain wastewater |
| 10 | | customers is not a valid rationale for York's decision to assign wastewater |
| 11 | | customers a non-cost based increase in this proceeding. |
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| 13 | | OCA Witness Mierzwa |
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| 14 15 | Q. | On pages 2-3 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your |
| 14 | Q. | |
| 14 15 | Q. | On pages 2-3 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your |
| 14 15 16 | Q. | On pages 2-3 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your adoption of the Company's proposed water revenue allocation, exclusive of Act |
| 14 15 16 17 | Q. | On pages 2-3 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your adoption of the Company's proposed water revenue allocation, exclusive of Act 11 considerations, since the revenue allocation is based on the Company's |
| 14 15 16 17 18 | Q. | On pages 2-3 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your adoption of the Company's proposed water revenue allocation, exclusive of Act 11 considerations, since the revenue allocation is based on the Company's water cost-of-service study ("WCOSS"). In Mr. Mierzwa's view, the |
| 14 15 16 17 18 19 | Q. | On pages 2-3 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your adoption of the Company's proposed water revenue allocation, exclusive of Act 11 considerations, since the revenue allocation is based on the Company's water cost-of-service study ("WCOSS"). In Mr. Mierzwa's view, the Company's WCOSS employs outdated system-wide demand and class capacity |
| 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 | Q. | On pages 2-3 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your adoption of the Company's proposed water revenue allocation, exclusive of Act 11 considerations, since the revenue allocation is based on the Company's water cost-of-service study ("WCOSS"). In Mr. Mierzwa's view, the Company's WCOSS employs outdated system-wide demand and class capacity factor data. As a consequence, Mr. Mierzwa argues that the Commission |

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| 1 | | reflects "the usage characteristics of York's current customers." Do you agree |
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| 2 | | that the Commission should adopt the OCA's WCOSS in this proceeding? |
| 3 | A. | I do not. I discuss the deficiencies inherent in the OCA's WCOSS in my rebuttal |
| 4 | | testimony. ² In short, while Mr. Mierzwa employs alternative (i) system-wide |
| 5 | | maximum day and maximum hour demand values and (ii) class maximum day and |
| 6 | | maximum hour capacity factors in the OCA's WCOSS, neither modification to the |
| 7 | | Company's WCOSS is warranted. |
| 8 | | |
| 9 | Q. | On pages 3-4 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa discusses your proposal to |
| 10 | | allocate Act 11 revenues to water classes based on corresponding wastewater |
| 11 | | class contributions to the Company's overall Act 11 revenue requirement |
| 12 | | shortfall. Mr. Mierzwa disagrees with your recommendation. He argues that |
| 13 | | since less than 7% of York's water customers are also wastewater customers, |
| 14 | | "there is no cost basis to assign unrecovered wastewater costs of a particular |
| 15 | | class to water customers in that same class that do not receive wastewater |
| 16 | | service from York and pay another provider for wastewater service." Is Mr. |
| 17 | | Mierzwa's point valid? |
| 18 | A. | No. The fact that the Company has many more water customers than wastewater |
| 19 | | customers necessarily means that relatively few of York's water customers will also |
| 20 | | be York wastewater customers. However, independent of the identity of their |
| 21 | | wastewater providers, why should York's residential water customers subsidize the |

² See OSBA Statement No. 1-R, at pages 3-10.

| 1 | | rates paid by York's commercial wastewater customers, or vice versa? Mr. |
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| 2 | | Mierzwa offers no valid rationale in support of such an outcome. |
| 3 | | Moreover, I am confident that if York's wastewater rates were ever to |
| 4 | | recover 100% of the Residential class's allocated wastewater revenue requirement, |
| 5 | | the OCA would express little interest in receiving any Act 11 revenue allocation in |
| 6 | | a subsequent York base rate case. |
| 7 | | |
| 8 | Q. | On pages 5-6 of OCA Statement 4R, Mr. Mierzwa discusses his disagreement |
| 9 | | with your proposal to reduce York's filed Act 11 revenue requirement by \$1.0 |
| 10 | | million, by assigning the Company's wastewater classes a uniform increase of |
| 11 | | 58.3%. He argues that since the Company's residential wastewater customers |
| 12 | | contribute toward, or pay, a greater percentage of their indicated cost of |
| 13 | | service than non-residential customers, "the Non-Residential class should |
| 14 | | receive an increase which is greater than the increase assigned to the |
| 15 | | Residential class in order to provide additional movement toward the[ir] |
| 16 | | indicated cost of service." What is your response? |
| 17 | A. | My recommended wastewater class increases are intended to minimize the overall |
| 18 | | level of Act 11 revenues to be recovered from water service customers, without |
| 19 | | imposing an undue rate impact on any wastewater class. Unlike Mr. Mierzwa's |
| 20 | | proposal to assign non-residential wastewater customers an increase of 84.8%, the |
| 21 | | OSBA's proposal would limit class increases to 58.4%, or 1.75 times the OSBA's |
| 22 | | recommended increase to York's water service customers. Moreover, the fact that |
| 23 | | the non-Residential wastewater class does not receive a greater increase than the |

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| 1 | | Residential class under my proposal should be immaterial to the OCA, since the |
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| 2 | | remaining subsidy received by non-residential wastewater customers in this |
| 3 | | proceeding is to be recovered solely from <i>commercial</i> water customers under the |
| 4 | | OSBA's Act 11 allocation proposal. |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | Q. | Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony? |
| 7 | A. | Yes. |

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