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Attention: Secretary of PA Public Ut. Com (52 Pa. Code)

PO Box 3265

Harrisburg, PA 17101

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to protest the proposed increase from PA American Water, PUC docket number A-2022-3037047.

This is the THIRD increase in the last 2 years when PA Am Water acquires another borough to service. I understand that there are safety and other concerns that must be addressed when a new borough is acquired. However, public utilities are the only business permitted to pass on improvement costs to ALREADY ACQUIRED customers rather than the NEWLY acquired customers. I also understand that most of the improvements are required by law and protect the community. But.....I find it unfair and unjust to require current customers to pay for these. Since I moved to my current location my water/sewer bill has increased 233%---YES---TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY THREE PERCENT! We are a CAPTIVE AUDIENCE HERE! I'm retired and live with a limited income. If my sewer/water bills continue to escalate another 233% in the next 10 years I will be forced to sell my residence. Frankly, folks that's an unacceptable answer to the way PUC has supported the public. Here's a suggestion: how about the PUC consider the burden this will make to already overburdened citizens? The housing market is already moving away from places that have public sewer and water. The current application of increases will eventually undervalue all residences with public water and sewer....consider inner city residences and the abandonment state which is now fairly prevalent.

I protested and petitioned the last increase but it was approved anyhow, so I have little hope no matter how many protest.....it will still be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED WASTEWATER ACQUISITION AND RATE BASE ADDITION (Docket No. A-2022-3037047)



Dear Customer:

On April 10, 2023, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") conditionally accepted for filing the application of Pennsylvania-American Water Co. ("Pennsylvania-American") for approval to acquire the Butler Area Sewer Authority ("BASA") wastewater system assets. BASA serves approximately 14,792 customers in Butler County. Pennsylvania-American's application also requests that the PUC authorize an addition of \$231.5 million to Pennsylvania-American's rate base pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329. A utility's rate base is the value of property used by the utility to provide service to its customers and is one of many components used to establish customer rates.

This acquisition will not immediately, but may in the future, affect water and/or wastewater bills of Pennsylvania-American customers, including BASA wastewater customers. Pennsylvania-American is not requesting a rate increase as part of the acquisition. Your current rates will not change as a result of this acquisition until the conclusion of Pennsylvania-American's first base rate case where Pennsylvania-American requests and receives PUC approval to increase its rates. Based on a non-binding estimate of the potential rate impacts, Pennsylvania-American anticipates that the potential rate impact could be as follows:

PAWC WASTEWATER				
Rate Class	Average Usage	Average Monthly Bill at PAWC Zone 1 Current Rates	Average Monthly Bill at PAWC Zone 1 2023 Rate Adjusted for Potential Impact of Acquisition	Potential Increase
Residential	3,212 gal/month	\$106.65	\$ 114.12	\$7.47 or 7.0%
Commercial	22,561 gal/month	\$509.46	\$ 545.12	\$35.66 or 7.0%
Industrial	528,207 gal/month	\$11,143.19	\$ 11,923.21	\$780.02 or 7.0%

PAWC WATER				
Rate Class	Average Usage	Average Monthly Bill at PAWC Zone 1 Current Rates	Average Monthly Bill at PAWC Zone 1 2023 Rate Adjusted for Potential Impact of Acquisition	Potential Increase
Residential	3,212 gal/month	\$69.24	\$69.79	\$0.55 or 0.8%
Commercial	22,561 gal/month	\$371.82	\$ 374.79	\$2.97 or 0.8%
Industrial	528,207 gal/month	\$5,985.09	\$ 6,032.96	\$47.88 or 0.8%

These amounts could change and will depend on how the PUC chooses to apportion any increase among different types of utility service, rate zones and classes of customers. For Pennsylvania-American customers in a rate zone other than Rate Zone 1, the potential rate impact could vary from the chart above.

PUC ROLE

The state agency that approves acquisitions and rates for regulated public utilities is the PUC. The PUC will review and investigate the proposed acquisition. After examining the evidence, the PUC may approve, modify or deny the acquisition and may approve, modify or deny the requested addition to rate base.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

You can support or challenge Pennsylvania-American's request by:

- 1. Sending a letter to the PUC.** You can tell the PUC why you support or object to the application in your letter. This information can be helpful when the PUC investigates the application. Send your letter to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Post Office Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265.
- 2. Attending or presenting testimony at a PUC public input hearing.** You can attend or be a witness at a PUC public input hearing. The PUC holds public input hearings if it opens an investigation of Pennsylvania-American's transaction and if there is enough interest in the case. At these hearings, you can present your views in person to the PUC judge and to company

representatives. Testimony under oath becomes part of the application case record. The PUC holds these hearings in the service area of the company. For more information, call the PUC at 1-800-692-7380.

- 3. Filing a protest or a petition to intervene.** If you want to be a party to the case, you must file a protest or a petition to intervene. You then have an opportunity to take part in all the hearings about the proposed acquisition. You can receive copies of all materials distributed by the other parties. Protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with 52 Pa. Code (relating to public utilities) on or before July 10, 2023. Filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265, with a copy served on Pennsylvania-American's counsel at:

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The documents filed in support of the application are available on the PUC's website at www.puc.pa.gov, and for inspection and copying at the Office of the Secretary of the PUC between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at Pennsylvania-American's offices at 852 Wesley Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. The PUC docket number is A-2022-3037047. For more information, you may contact the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services at 1-800-692-7380.



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