

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase

*Filing this form will make you a party to a legal proceeding or case.
If you do not wish to be a party to the case, consider filing a Comment to Proposed Rate Increase.*

To complete this form, please type or print legibly in ink.

1. Customer (Complainant) Information (required)

Provide your name, mailing address, county, telephone number(s), e-mail address and utility account number. It is your responsibility to update the Commission with any changes to your address and to where you want documents mailed to you. Failure to provide this information may cause your complaint to be considered as deficient.

Name William H. Rissmiller

Street/P.O. Box 1006 Hickory Lane

City Reading Reading State PA Zip 19606

County Berks

Telephone Number(s) Where We Can Contact You During the Day (required):

610.779.5811 (home) 610.780.3272 (mobile)

E-mail Address (required): whr19606@ptd.net

Utility Account Number (from your bill) 1024-210029210407

If your complaint involves utility service provided to a different address or in a different name than your mailing address, please list this information below.

Name _____

Street/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. Name of Utility

Provide the full name of the utility who filed the proposed rate increase about which you are complaining. The name of your utility is on your bill.

Pennsylvania American Water

3. **PUC Case Docket Number**

Provide the Public Utility Commission case docket number (if known). It begins with the letter "R" and contains the year of filing and a 7-digit code, such as R-2014-1234567.

~~Not Known~~ A-2022-3037047

4. **Type of Utility Service**

Check the box listing the type of utility service that is the subject of your complaint (check only one):

ELECTRIC

STORM WATER

GAS

WASTEWATER/SEWER

WATER

TELEPHONE/TELECOMMUNICATIONS (local, long distance)

STEAM HEAT

MOTOR CARRIER (e.g. taxi, moving company, limousine)

5. **Reason for Complaint**

Explain why you oppose the company's proposed rate increase. Use additional paper if you need more space.

This company's main product seems to be rate increases. Ever since they purchased the water/wastewater facilities from Exeter Township, they have subjected their customers to a barrage of rate increases, most of which were significantly greater than the rate of inflation.

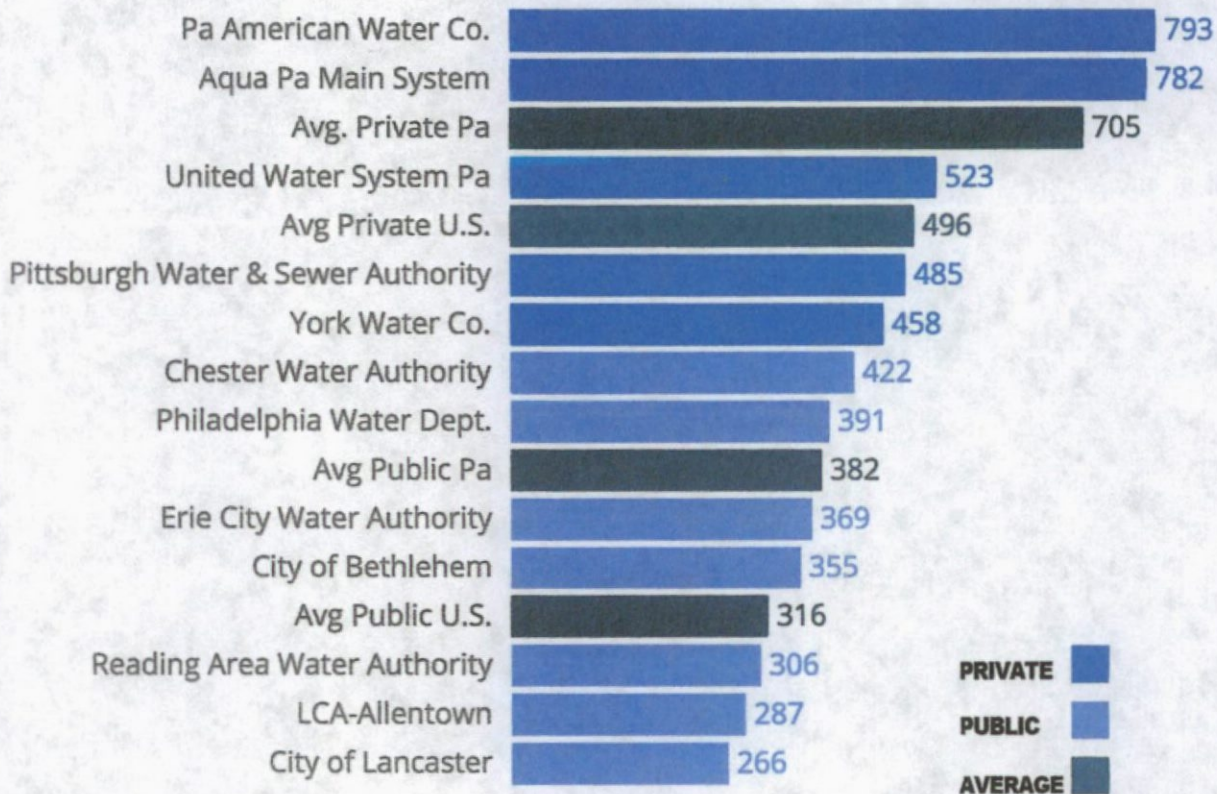
Can you explain why the company's impending acquisition of the Butler Area Sewer Authority should result in a 7% increase in wastewater/sewer costs AND a .8% increase in water costs for residents of Exeter Township in Berks County?

It has become apparent that this company's business plan consists of the following steps:
Step One - raise the rates on existing customers in order to purchase more municipally-owned water and wastewater assets.
Step Two - repeat Step One

The following chart illustrates how out of control this company's insatiable appetite for rate increases is compared to other water suppliers. The rate increases they have proposed are excessively high beyond any reasonable person's ability to accept. Can they explain why they are at the top of this chart?

HOW THE COST OF WATER IN PA. COMPARES : THE NATION'S 500 LARGEST WATER SYSTEMS

AVERAGE COST \$ / 60,000 GALLONS



Keystone Crossroads

Data Source: Food & Water Watch, 2015

http://whyy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/pa_water_expense_chart01.jpg

6. Requested Relief

How do you want your complaint to be resolved? Use additional paper if you need more space.

The PAWC acquisition of the Butler Area Sewer Authority should be DENIED! Further, PAWC should be required to roll back all of their current water and sewage rates by 30% and mail an apology for their greediness to each of their customers.

7. Legal Representation

If you are filing a Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase as an individual on your own behalf, you are not required to have a lawyer. You may represent yourself at the hearing.

If you are represented by a lawyer in this matter, provide your lawyer's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, (all required contact information). Please make sure your lawyer is aware of your complaint. If represented by a lawyer, both you and your lawyer must be present at your hearing.

Lawyer's Name _____

Street/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code/Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Note: Corporations, associations, partnerships, limited liability companies and political subdivisions are required to have a lawyer represent them at a hearing and to file any motions, answers, briefs or other legal pleadings.

8. Verification and Signature

You must sign your complaint. Individuals filing a Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase must print or type their name on the line provided in the verification paragraph below and must sign and date this form in ink. **If you do not sign the Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase, the PUC will not accept it.** By filing this Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase, you will be a party to the case. If you efile your formal rate complaint, an electronic signature is acceptable.

Verification:

William H. Rissmiller, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or 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).

William H. Rissmiller
(Signature of Complainant)

5-21-23
(Date)

Title of authorized employee or officer (only applicable to corporations, associations, partnerships, limited liability companies or political subdivisions)

Note: If the Complainant is a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company or political subdivision, the verification must be signed by an authorized officer or authorized employee. If the Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase is not signed by one of these individuals, the PUC will not accept it.

10. Filing

You should electronically file your Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase with the Secretary. To do so, establish an account free of charge on the PUC's eFiling system, which may be accessed at <http://www.puc.pa.gov/efiling/default.aspx>.

If you do not electronically file your Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase, mail the completed form (along with any attachments) to the address listed below:

By overnight delivery, certified, priority mail – retain tracking information as proof of submission.

Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2 nd Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
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Note: Formal Rate Complaints sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Secretary's Bureau at 717-772-7777.

Keep a copy of your Formal Complaint to Proposed Rate Increase for your records.

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:

David P. Zambito, Esq.
Cozen O'Connor
17 North Second Street, Suite 1410
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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.

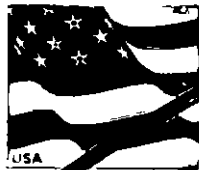
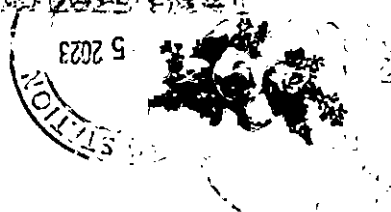




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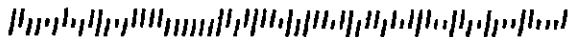
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P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

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ACTIVISTS FOR OUR HIGH
ENERGY PRICES \$\$\$



COVID-19
MADE IN CHINA
BY PEOPLE
WHO EAT DOGS



SAVE UKRAINE
HANG PUTIN

If America is so bad, why
do refugees want to
come here instead
of fighting for their country?