



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

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE
A-2022-3037047

September 29, 2023

Re: In re: Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company under Section 1102(a) and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa C.S. § 1102(a), for approval of (1) the transfer, by sale, of substantially all of the assets, properties and rights related to its wastewater collection and treatment system owned by the Butler Area Sewer Authority, and (2) the rights of Pennsylvania American Water Company to begin to offer or furnish wastewater service to the public in the City of Butler, portions of East Butler, and portions of the Townships of Butler, Center, Connequenessing, Oakland and Summit, in Butler County, Pennsylvania Docket No. A-2022-3037047, et al.

TO ALL PARTIES:

This matter concerns the Application filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) by Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) on February 14, 2023, and an amended Application filed by PAWC on February 17, 2023, pursuant to Sections 507, 1102, and 1329 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 507, 1102, and 1329 (as amended, the Application). On May 23, 2023, by way of Secretarial Letter, the Commission accepted the Application for filing.

An evidentiary hearing was held as scheduled on July 28, 2023. On August 14, 2023, PAWC, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the Butler Area Sewer Authority (BASA), the Township of Butler (Township), and the City of Butler (City) filed a Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement of All Issues. The record in this case closed on August 23, 2023.

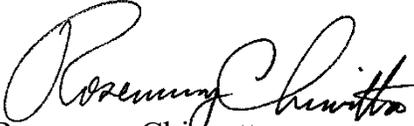
On September 14, 2023, Administrative Law Judge Marta Guhl issued a Recommended Decision. Exceptions were filed on September 21, 2023, and Reply Exceptions were filed on September 26, 2023. Furthermore, on September 27, 2023, PAWC, BASA, the City, and the Township filed a Joint Motion to Strike the Reply Exceptions filed jointly by the Townships of Summit and Center (Motion). The Motion also requested that the Commission establish an expedited deadline for filing an answer to the Joint Motion.

The Joint Motion of PAWC, the BASA, and the City, and the Township filed on September 27, 2023 requests that the response period to the Joint Motion be reduced from the twenty (20) days provided by the Commission's Regulations at 52 Pa. Code §

5.61 to five days or October 2, 2023. The Parties allege the reduced period is necessitated to ensure the Commission can make a decision in order to meet the statutory deadline for the Application. Out of an abundance of caution to ensure due process for all of the Parties the Commission denies the request to shorten the response period. Therefore, the Parties will have the full twenty (20) days or until October 17, 2023 to file their responses.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary