



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

October 25, 2023

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

**RE: Nantmeal Warwick Sewer Company, Inc. – Rate Increase / Tariff Supplement No. 2  
to Tariff Wastewater – Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 / Docket No. R-2023-3043497**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Complaint, Public Statement and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

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: Brian Kalcic  
Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Nantmeal Warwick Sewer Company, Inc. :**  
**– Rate Increase / Tariff Supplement No. 2 : Docket No. R-2023-3043497**  
**to Tariff Wastewater – Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 :**

**COMPLAINT OF THE  
SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

1. The Complainant is:

NazAarah Sabree  
Small Business Advocate  
555 Walnut Street  
Forum Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
(717) 783-2525

2. The name and address of the attorney for the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) is:

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3. The respondent utility is:

Nantmeal Warwick Sewer Company, Inc.  
26 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 20  
Elverson, PA 19520

4. The Complainant is authorized and directed by the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50, to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).

5. This Complaint is filed against the rates, terms, and other provisions of Supplement No. 2 to Tariff Wastewater - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1, which was filed with the Commission on October 4, 2023, by the Nantmeal Warwick Sewer Company, Inc (“Nantmeal” or the “Company”). The rates set forth in the Company’s October 4<sup>th</sup> filing, if approved by the Commission, would increase Nantmeal’s annual revenues by \$20,418 or 58.8%.

6. After preliminary review of the materials filed by the Company in support of the proposed Supplements, Complainant believes, and therefore avers, that those materials may be insufficient to justify the rate increase requested and that the Company’s present and proposed rates, rules, and conditions of service may be unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory, and otherwise contrary to law, particularly as they pertain to Nantmeal’s small business customers.

7. Complainant believes, and therefore avers, that Nantmeal’s proposed tariff changes, proposed rates, rate design, and revenue allocation are or may be unjust, unreasonable, and unlawfully discriminatory in violation of, *inter alia*, Sections 1301 and 1304 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§1301 and 1304, and, furthermore, are contrary to appropriate public policy, sound ratemaking considerations, and may not be supported by the materials filed by the Company.

8. In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

A. Suspend and investigate the operation of Supplement No. 2;

- B. At the conclusion of such investigation, reject the proposed new rates and other tariff changes in Supplement No. 2 to the extent required to make certain that Nantmeal's rates are lawful, just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory to small business customers; and
- C. Grant such other relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Steven C. Gray*

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Dated: October 25, 2023

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF  
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (“Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by her initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a complaint against the proposed wastewater base rate tariff filing of the Nantmeal Warwick Sewer Company, Inc (“Nantmeal” or the “Company”), which would increase the annual operating revenue of Nantmeal by \$20,418 or 58.8% per year.

The Small Business Advocate files this formal complaint against the Company’s proposed base rate tariff filing to protect the interests of Nantmeal’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all elements of the Company’s proposed tariff filing is necessary to ensure that the tariff filing is lawful, just, reasonable, and not discriminatory to Nantmeal’s small business customers.

In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate will participate in proceedings before the Public Utility Commission to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed base rate tariff filing. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny any proposed new rates and other tariff changes that apply to small business customers that are not proven by Nantmeal to be lawful, just, reasonable, and not discriminatory to the Company's small business customers.

Dated: October 25, 2023

**VERIFICATION**

I, NazAarah Sabree, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above 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: October 25, 2023

  
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(Signature)

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

The Honorable Charles E. Rainey Jr.  
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