

Nov. 15, 2023

PATRICK J./ANDREA L. FRICCHIONE
110 Glenmaura Drive
Moosic, PA. 18507

RE:

Patrick J. Fricchione vs. PAW Co.

Docket: C-2023-3042213 et. al.

C- 2023-3042488

Please be advised that Patrick J. and Andrea L. Fricchione are in disagreement with the previous response of the Pennsylvania-American Water Company denying any allegations to said complaints voiced by us and neighbors pertaining to wastewater/sewage fees which may be found in Docket No. C-2023-3042213 et. al. filed with the Public Utility Commission.

We contend that a retrospective review of water and sewage invoices by Pennsylvania-American Water Company (PAWC), Scranton Sewer Authority (SSA), and Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority (LRBSA) will demonstrate unfair and unjust fee assessments to the involved parties and said fees imply that we are customers of the PAWC, SSA, and LRBSA.

The following chain of events implies a direct connection between the PAWC, the SSA, and LRBSA as applies to billing practices:

1985 – LRBSA enters into an agreement with the SSA and Lackawanna County Commissioners regarding the Montage Sewer District whereby the SSA would provide sewage treatment service to customers within the Montage Sewer District.

1999 – An LRBSA service agreement with the Lower Lackawanna Valley Sanitary Authority (LLVSA) and Moosic Borough allowing the LRBSA to remove the Moosic wastewater treatment plant from service located in Moosic Borough. This eventually and impartially impacted a significant number of households in the upper Montage Sewer District.

2003 – The above Montage Sewer Agreement was updated and included Moosic Borough. This new agreement updated the service area and amended the procedures for billing customers within the Montage Sewer District.

2016 – The SSA's interest in the Montage Service Agreement was assigned to PAW due to the sale of the SSA assets to PAW. This sale was expected to decrease rates by 1.9% annually. The Assignment and Assumption Agreement denoted the "PAWC hereby assumes and agrees to perform all agreements and obligations of SSA pursuant to the Wastewater Service Agreement, as amended hereby, arising on and after closing of the transaction...".

Given the PUC balances the needs of consumers and utilities; ensures safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates and protects the public interest, we respectfully ask the PUC to examine the billing practices of the LRBSA, SSA and PAWC to ensure a just and fair billing practice to the customers in the Upper Montage Sewer District.

Thank you for your attention,

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