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J.J. Livingston
Public Utility Commission
400 North Street—Keystone Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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RE: Pennsylvania American Water Company Proposed Water and Wastewater Rate Increases, PUC Docket Nos. R-2023-3043189 and R-2023-3043190

Dear Mr. Livingston:

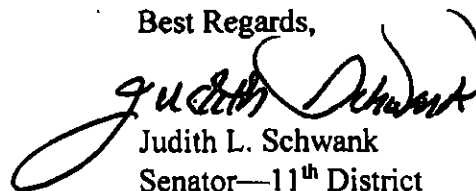
As you are aware, the Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) has filed a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to once again increase the rates it charges customers for water and wastewater services. Should this request be approved, PAWC would experience an increase in its revenue by \$203 million, or more than 20%.

The rate increases previously sought by PAWC have significantly impacted constituents in my district, particularly in Exeter Township (Berks County). My office has already received numerous calls and emails from constituents with grave concerns about PAWC's latest request. They are worried that another rate increase will place further undue and severe financial hardship on Exeter Township residents, as well as residents in Sinking Spring Borough, Spring Township, and Wyomissing Borough, all of which also receive water services from PAWC.

Before the PUC makes any decision about the proposed rate increase, it is imperative that the voices of the concerned residents in my district are heard. For this reason, I am respectfully requesting that the PUC hold in-person public hearings on the proposed rate increase in Exeter Township. I know my constituents would be grateful for the opportunity to tell the PUC directly about how another rate increase would affect them financially.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing back from the PUC about this matter.

Best Regards,


Judith L. Schwank
Senator—11th District

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