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Pennsylvania Utility Commission Steve DeFrank, Chairman 400 North Street Keystone Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Pennsylvania American Water Rate Increase

Dear Chairman DeFrank,

I am writing you today about PA American Water's Nov. 8, 2023 request to the PUC to approve water rate increases ranging from 25% to 32% for homes, businesses, and industries. This is especially concerning considering PAW was just approved for a 14.5% increase by the PUC in April 2023. In light of this, I am opposed to such an expeditious request.

My district offices are being overwhelmed by constituents who are filled with dread and worry about how they can afford such a sudden and expensive water rate increase. This is a substantial burden for customers who are struggling to pay their bills and make ends meet.

It is my hope that the Pennsylvania American Water Co.'s recent request will be suspended so public input hearings can be scheduled in our region to allow for constituents to express their views before any verdict is reached by the PUC.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue on behalf of my constituents.

respectfully.

State Representative Jim Haddock

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