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December 15, 2023

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor, Room-N201
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: General Base Rate Filing for Water Operations
Docket No. R-2023-3043189
General Base Rate Filing for Wastewater Operations
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Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

We write to share the City of Scranton and Borough of Dunmore's serious concerns over the recent, outrageous rate increases proposed by Pennsylvania-American Water Company ("PAWC").

Since the proposal was first announced, officials have received substantial public interest in these rate increases. From all corners of the city, residents have been calling city hall, speaking at city council meetings, discussing with city councilmembers, writing to the newspaper, and posting on social media about the tangible impact these rate increases would have on their household budget.

As you may recall, the Scranton Sewer Authority sold its sewer assets to PAWC in 2016. Accordingly, the City of Scranton and Borough of Dunmore have a particular interest in the sustainable stewardship of these assets, water, and wastewater infrastructure generally. We urge the Commission to investigate the proposed rate increases diligently.

To that end, the City of Scranton and Borough of Dunmore hereby formally request that the Commission hold public input hearings on the proposed rate changes. Moreover, we invite and encourage the Commission to hold one such public input hearing in-person here in Scranton. The opportunity for our residents to share their perspective face-to-face would no doubt benefit the Commission in its review of the proposed rate changes. We would be more than happy to offer Scranton City Hall as a location for the hearing and to assist in any other way possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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