

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held February 1, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman  
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair  
Ralph V. Yanora  
Kathryn L. Zerfuss  
John F. Coleman, Jr.

The York Water Company – Wastewater  
Supplement No. 22 To Wastewater - PA  
P.U.C. No. 1

Docket No.  
R-2023-3044829

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On December 8, 2023, The York Water Company – Wastewater (York Water-WW), Utility Code 230087, filed Supplement No. 22 To Wastewater - PA P.U.C. No. 1 (Supplement No. 22) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) to become effective on February 6, 2024. Supplement No. 22 amends tariff rules to include certain consumer protections set forth in Chapter 56 of the Commission’s regulations, 52 Pa. Code Chapter 56 (Chapter 56).

**I. AFFECTED ENTITIES AND BACKGROUND**

York Water-WW is a regulated public utility company, duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth with a mailing address of 130 East Market Street, York, Pennsylvania 17401. York Water-WW furnishes wastewater service to approximately 6,050 customers in all or portions of approximately 15 municipalities throughout York, Franklin, Adams, and Lancaster Counties. York Water-WW also furnishes water service to approximately 77,219 customers throughout York, Franklin, Adams, and Lancaster Counties as The York Water Company (York Water), Utility Code 213550.

By the Commission's Order entered January 12, 2023, at Docket Nos. R-2022-3031340, *et al.* (the January 2023 Order), the Commission approved the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement of All Issues (Joint Petition) dated November 4, 2022, for York Water-WW's most recent general rate increase filing. The Joint Petition's Paragraph 56 specified that York Water-WW's water and wastewater tariffs shall be amended to include the essential consumer protections set forth in Chapter 56. Paragraph 56 also required York Water-WW to submit tariff supplements containing said amendments within 12 months of a final order. Thus, York Water-WW filed Supplement No. 22 pursuant to the Commission's January 2023 Order and the Joint Petition.<sup>1</sup>

York Water-WW submitted proof of service of Supplement No. 22 on the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement. No complaints were filed, and no hearings were held.

## **II. SUPPLEMENT NO. 22**

Supplement No. 22 revised existing Page Nos. 14, 15, and 35 and added proposed Page Nos. 14(a), 14(b), and 15(a). Revisions consisted of adding proposed rules under Sections C.2.(k)-(n) and D.8. Also, Supplement No. 22 moved existing rules under Sections C.3., D.1.-5., and E.1.(c) to proposed Page Nos. 14(a), 14(b), and 15(a).

Regarding the proposed rules, Sections C.2.(k)-(l) specified steps that York Water-WW will take to provide notice to Customers, Landlord Ratepayers, and/or property occupants (e.g., tenants) before termination of service.<sup>2</sup> Also, Sections C.2.(m)-(n) identified additional protections for domestic violence victims and for properties that have occupants with certain medical conditions. Finally, Section D.8. specified several

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<sup>1</sup> York Water concurrently filed a water tariff supplement that is being addressed by the Commission at Docket No. R-2023-3044828.

<sup>2</sup> The term Customer is defined in Page 8 of York Water-WW's tariff, and the term Landlord Ratepayer is defined under 66 Pa.C.S. § 1521 (relating to Definitions). *See also*, Chapter 56.

payment arrangement terms and practices, including that customers must first contact York Water-WW to request a payment arrangement and that York Water-WW will consider various factors that may affect payment arrangement terms.

In supplemental information filed with the Commission, York Water-WW clarified that Supplement No. 22 does not change existing terms, conditions, or practices and will not have any effect on customers' bills. Rather, York Water-WW averred that Supplement No. 22 incorporates Chapter 56 provisions with which it must already comply.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff supplement and the supporting data indicates that the proposed tariff supplement does not appear to be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, or contrary to the public interest. As such, the proposed tariff supplement should be permitted to become effective on the proposed February 6, 2024, effective date. However, this does not constitute a determination that this tariff supplement is lawful, just, and reasonable; rather, this is a determination that suspension or further investigation does not appear to be warranted at this time; **THEREFORE**,

#### **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That The York Water Company - Wastewater's proposed Supplement No. 22 To Wastewater - PA P.U.C. No. 1 is hereby permitted to become effective February 6, 2024.
2. That this Order is without prejudice to any formal complaints timely filed against the proposed tariff supplement.
3. That a copy of this Order be served upon The York Water Company - Wastewater, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of

Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed formal complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

4. That the proceeding at Docket No. R-2023-3044829 be closed.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: February 1, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: February 1, 2024