

## NOTICE OF SECTION 529 ACQUISITION INVESTIGATION

To Proximate Service Providers and Proximate Municipalities:

### The PUC's Acquisition Investigation

Sugar Creek Water Company, West Hickory Water Company, Plumer Water Company, Fryburg Water Company, Cooperstown Water Company, Blaine E. Rhodes Sewer Company, and Venango Water Company (the Rhodes Utilities) are water and/or wastewater service providers operating within the proximate vicinity of your service territory or serving customers within proximity to your municipality. The Rhodes Utilities are regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code. The PUC has opened an investigation at PUC Docket Nos. I-2023-3042312 and P-2024-3045205 into whether it should order a capable public utility to acquire any or all of the Rhodes Utilities pursuant to Section 529 of the Public Utility Code (66 Pa. C.S. Section 529).

### Notice of the Investigation

Section 529(h) of the Public Utility Code (66 Pa. C.S. Section 529(h)) states that the notice required by subsection (a) of Section 529 shall be served upon all proximate public utilities providing the same type of service as the small sewer utility, all proximate municipalities and municipal authorities providing the same type of service as the small sewer utility, and the municipalities served by the small sewer utility. The PUC's Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement has identified you as a proximate public utility providing the same type of service as the small sewer utility or a municipality in proximity to the customers served by the small sewer utility. Having been identified as described above, you are required to receive Notice of the Acquisition Investigation (Notice) and you may be joined as a party to the proceeding at Docket No. I-2023-3042312 and P-2024-3045205.

### Actions You Can Take

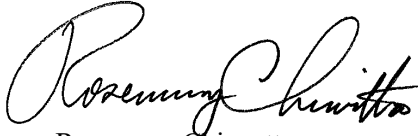
The burden to prosecute the proceeding is with the PUC's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement. However, as stated above, you are required to receive this Notice and you may be joined as a party to the proceeding.

You may file a formal Petition to Intervene stating your specific concerns, or you may file any other responsive pleading by **July 12, 2024**. Petitions or other pleadings should include the docket number (I-2023-3042312 and P-2024-3045205) and be sent to:

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

with a copy to Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge Mark A Hoyer, PUC, Piatt Place, 301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 220, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. Petitions or other responsive pleadings must be received by the Secretary by close of business on Friday July 12, 2024. Or, you may eFile your Petition or other pleading using the Commission's website at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov). The link to eFile is located under the Filing & Resources tab on the homepage. NHSC and/or any other party to this proceeding have the right to file a responsive pleading to any petition or other pleading you file.

Otherwise, as a person or entity receiving this Notice, or as a party to the proceeding, you will continue to be served with all documents, correspondence, and all other relevant materials regarding this proceeding.



Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

Dated: June 1, 2018