

Richard & Susan DiPiazza
215 Withywindle Way
Tamiment, PA 18371

Judge Arnold
Judge Haas
PUC Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement
Office of Consumer Advocate
Office of Small Business Advocate

Re: R-2023-3042804
R-2023-3042805
Objections to Settlement

May 30, 2024

Dear Sirs or Madams:

It is with shock and dismay that I read the proposed Settlement in the above entitled case. Two years ago when Community Utilities applied for a rather large increase, the Administrative Law Judge rightfully rejected the request deeming it "unlawful, unjust and unreasonable" and "not in the public interest". However, the PUC overruled the decision. As a result, the Tamiment water consumption charge went from \$5.13 per 1,000 gallons to \$11.452, an increase of **123%**.

Under the details of this "settlement" the water consumption rate will now be further increased from \$11.452 per 1,000 gallons to \$21.12, an increase of **84%**. This brings the two year total increase to a staggering **207%**! How could anyone in good conscious agree to such a staggering increase, especially as servants of the public? I don't think I need to remind you of the current rate of inflation. Nor the financial ramifications this will do to the residents of Tamiment, many of whom are on fixed incomes.

Furthermore, under the so-called "settlement", the base rate for wastewater will increase from \$26.15 to \$39.90, an increase of **53%** and the wastewater consumption charge will go from \$13.977 to \$18, an increase of **29%**.

This is Corporate Greed at it's finest. Do not be fooled by the companies expansion of the eligibility for its Low-Income program, as this will only effect t a limited number of residents. I urge you to reject this settlement in its entirety as it is exorbitant and not in the public interest.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Richard and Susan DiPiazza in blue ink.

Richard & Susan DiPiazza

OBJECTIONS TO SETTLEMENT

Please sign this sheet if you would like to **oppose** the Joint Petition for Settlement signed by Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc., the PUC's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate in the case of Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc., Docket Nos. R-2023-3042804 and R-2023-3042805. **You are encouraged to provide written comments below and/or attach additional pages**, setting forth any facts and explanation for your objections.

By adding my signature below, I am indicating that I have read the terms of the Settlement Agreement and wish to **oppose** the Settlement. I understand that I may file objections (below and/or by attachment to this Objections Page) to the Settlement and exceptions to a Recommended Decision and that my complaint will be resolved as part of the PUC order resolving this case.

Richard + Susan DiPiazza

Please Print Your Full Name

Date: 5/30/24

Susan DiPiazza

Please Sign Your Full Name

Please Write Your Address Here:

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Docket Numbers of Your Complaint(s) (begins with C-2023 or C-2024):

 C-2024-3045541
 C-2024-3045556

Written Comments and reasons for objecting (may attach additional sheets):

See Attached sheet