



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 21, 2024

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

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Petition of the City of Lock Haven Water Department For Authorization to Implement a PENNVEST / Docket No. P-2024-3049249

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon E. Webb

Sharon E. Webb
Assistant Small Business Advocate
Attorney ID No. 73995

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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v.	:	Docket No. P-2024-3049249
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Petition of the City of Lock Haven Water Department For Authorization to Implement a PENNVEST	:	
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**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

1. The Intervenor is:

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3. The respondent utility is:

City of Lock Haven – Water Department
20 East Church Street
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4. The Intervenor is authorized and directed by the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50, to represent the interests of small business

consumers of utility services in matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).

5. This Intervention is filed regarding the Petition of the City of Lock Haven – Water Department (“Lock Haven Water” or the “Company”) to implement a PENNVEST Surcharge filed with the Public Utility Commission on May 24, 2024.

6. In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

- A. Direct the Office of Administrative Law Judge to holding hearings on the *Petition* and prepare an initial decision; and
- B. Grant such other relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sharon E. Webb

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (“Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of an intervention relative to the Petition to implement a PENNVEST Surcharge filed by the City of Lock Haven – Water Department (“Lock Haven Water” or the “Company”).

The Small Business Advocate as intervened in this proceeding in order to protect the interests of the Company’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all of the elements of the Company’s proposed filing is necessary to ensure that the filing is lawful, just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory to Lock Haven Water’s small business customers.

In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate will participate in proceedings before the Public Utility Commission to investigate the reasonableness filing. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny any proposed new rates and other tariff changes that apply to small business customers that are not proven by Lock Haven Water to be lawful, just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory to the Company's small business customers.

Dated: June 21, 2024

VERIFICATION

I, NazAarah Sabree, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: June 21, 2024



(Signature)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email (*unless otherwise noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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