

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

Public Meeting held July 11, 2024

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

City of Lock Haven Water Department

Docket Nos.
R-2024-3049248
C-2024-3049646

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 24, 2024, City of Lock Haven Water Department (Lock Haven), Utility Code 221925, filed Supplement No. 19 to Water-PA P.U.C. No. 1 (Supplement No. 19) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) to become effective July 23, 2024. Supplement No. 19 would increase Lock Haven's total annual operating revenues for water service by approximately \$483,872, or 91.5%. Subsequently, on June 14, 2024, Lock Haven filed Supplement No. 20 to Water-PA P.U.C. No. 1 to suspend the application of rates in Supplement No. 19 until August 2, 2024.

On June 20, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a formal complaint at Docket No. C-2024-3049646. On June 21, 2024, the Office of Small Business Advocate filed a formal complaint at Docket No. C-2024-3049713. Pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d) (relating to general rate increases), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until March 2, 2025, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff supplement and the supporting data indicates that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of Lock Haven's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in City of Lock Haven Water Department's proposed Supplement No. 19 to Water-PA P.U.C. No. 1.

2. That City of Lock Haven Water Department's proposed Supplement No. 19 to Water-PA P.U.C. No. 1 is suspended by operation of law until March 2, 2025, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That within ten (10) days following the entry date of this Order, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.71, City of Lock Haven Water Department shall e-file (or file) a tariff supplement, which shall bear no effective date, with the Commission and post the tariff supplement at the offices of City of Lock Haven Water Department announcing that the aforementioned tariff supplement is suspended until March 2, 2025. A sample copy of a suspension supplement is provided in Attachment A of this Order.

4. That the investigation instituted in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of this Order shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the existing rates, rules, and regulations of City of Lock Haven Water Department.

5. That this case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for Alternative Dispute Resolution, if possible, and for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a recommended decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon City of Lock Haven Water Department, 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.

BY THE COMMISSION,

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

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: July 11, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: July 11, 2024

ATTACHMENT A
Sample Suspension Supplement

Supp. No. _____ to
_____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____.

(COMPANY NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____, is hereby suspended until _____, at Docket No. _____. Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended. Issued in compliance with Title 66 Pa. C.S. § 1308.