



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 16, 2024

The Honorable Conrad A. Johnson  
Administrative Law Judge  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Piatt Place, Suite 220  
201 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Re: Application of Appalachian Utilities, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience Evidencing the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Approval of the Transfer of 40% of Outstanding and Issued Stock in Appalachian Utilities, Inc. / Docket No. A-2024-3046068 & Joint Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company and Appalachian Utilities, Inc., Pursuant to Section 1102 of the Public Utility Code, for approval of (1) the transfer to American Water Works Company, Inc., by merger, of all property of Appalachian Utilities, Inc. used and useful in the public service; (2) the transfer to Pennsylvania-American Water Company, by merger, of all property of Appalachian Utilities, Inc. used or useful in the public service, (3) the right of Pennsylvania-American Water Company to begin to offer, render, furnish and supply water service to the public in the Borough of Avis and Townships of Pine Creek and Dunnstable, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, and (4) the abandonment by Appalachian Utilities, Inc. of all water service / Docket Nos. A-2024-3046084, A-2024-3046092**

Dear Judge Johnson:

Enclosed please find the **PUBLIC VERSION** of Direct Testimony of Kevin C. Higgins, labelled OSBA Statement No. 1, and associated Exhibits KCH-1 and KCH-2, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), in the above-captioned proceedings.

As evidenced by the enclosed Certificate of Service, all known parties will be served, as indicated.

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

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Appalachian Utilities, Inc. for a	:	
Certificate of Public Convenience Evidencing the	:	
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Approval of	:	A-2024-3046068
the Transfer of 40% of Outstanding and Issued Stock in	:	
Appalachian Utilities, Inc.	:	
	:	
Joint Application of Pennsylvania-American Water	:	
Company and Appalachian Utilities, Inc., Pursuant to	:	
Section 1102 of the Public Utility Code, for approval of	:	
(1) the transfer to American Water Works Company,	:	
Inc., by merger, of all property of Appalachian Utilities,	:	
Inc. used and useful in the public service; (2) the transfer	:	A-2024-3046084
to Pennsylvania-American Water Company,	:	A-2024-3046092
by merger, of all property of Appalachian Utilities, Inc.	:	
used or useful in the public service, (3) the right of	:	
Pennsylvania American Water Company to begin to	:	
offer, render, furnish and supply water service to the	:	
public in the Borough of Avis and Townships of Pine	:	
Creek and Dunnstable, Clinton County, Pennsylvania,	:	
and (4) the abandonment by Appalachian Utilities,	:	
Inc. of all water service.	:	

**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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