

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Louis Matzel & Jodi Asay	:	
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v.	:	C-2023-3045163
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Pennsylvania American Water Company	:	

ORDER #2 MODIFYING THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In continuation of my Order issued on July 1, 2024, on August 15, 2024, the Parties requested additional time to discuss settlement.¹ The Parties have requested until August 31, 2024 to continue settlement discussions and advised that they will provide a status update at that time.

Section 5.483 of the Commission’s regulations provides presiding officers with the authority to regulate the course of proceedings. 52 Pa. Code § 5.483(a). Presiding officers are required to conduct fair and impartial hearings and maintain order. 52 Pa. Code § 5.485(a).

As the Commission encourages settlement whenever possible², and settlement would avoid the additional cost of litigation, it is reasonable to permit additional time for the parties to attempt to resolve this matter. The Parties will have until August 31, 2024 to discuss settlement and will provide a status update no later than that date. The status update should indicate (1) whether the case has settled; (2) whether the parties need more time to discuss settlement; and (3) if the case has not resolved, whether the parties seek an additional hearing to complete the litigation of this matter. If the case has not resolved, a briefing schedule will likely be set at the conclusion of the litigation.

¹ Please see my July 1, 2024 Order for a full procedural history of this case.

² 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a).

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Parties' request to modify the procedural schedule to continue to allow for settlement discussions is granted.

2. That the Parties now have until August 31, 2024 to discuss settlement and should update the ALJ no later than that time.

3. That the status update should indicate (1) whether the case has settled; (2) whether the parties need more time to discuss settlement; and (3) if the case has not resolved, whether the parties seek an additional hearing to complete the litigation of this matter. If the case has not resolved, a briefing schedule will likely be set at the conclusion of the litigation.

Date: August 19, 2024

/s/
Charece Z. Collins
Administrative Law Judge

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