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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE YORK WATER COMPANY, under Sections 507, 1102(a)(1), and 1102(a)(3) of the Public Utility Code, for approval of the right of THE YORK WATER COMPANY to (1) enter into a municipal contract to acquire certain public wastewater facilities from the York Haven Sewer Authority; and (2) begin to offer, render, furnish and supply wastewater service to the public in portions of York Haven Borough and Newberry Township, York County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2023-3044173**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of The York Water Company (“YWC”) is information being supplied to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) Bureau of Technical Utility Services (“TUS”) in response to TUS Data Requests, Set III, regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



Megan E. Rulli

MER/dmc
Enclosures

cc: Matthew T. Lamb (*via email; w/attachments*)

TUS Data Request Set 3

Application of The York Water Company – Wastewater for approval of the right to: (1) acquire certain wastewater system assets of the York Haven Sewer Authority; and (2) begin to offer, render, furnish or supply wastewater service to the public in additional portions of York Haven Borough and Newberry Township, York County, Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2023-3044173

- A-41 Data Request A-34 asked that York Water-WW provide copies of YHSA’s current wastewater rates, rules, and regulations along with the associated approval resolutions and/or ordinances. York Water-WW’s response to Data Request A-34 indicated that YHSA does not have rates and regulations. However, York Water-WW also indicated that YHSA clarified its current rates are different than previously identified by York Water-WW in its notice to customers dated November 3, 2023. York Water-WW provided a copy of the YHSA’s meeting minutes dated August 1, 2022, that approved YHSA’s current rates as the Application’s Attachment A-34-1. Consequently, York Water-WW indicated that it is in process of preparing a revised Exhibit K (*Pro Forma* Tariff Supplement), a revised Exhibit L (Revenue and Expense Projection), and a revised Exhibit O that will include a new customer notice letter to YHSA’s customers that contain the current rates, as recently clarified by YHSA. Based on this new representation of YHSA’s current rates, please provide responses to the following:
- a. Provide an updated copy of the Application’s Exhibit K that includes a copy of a revised *pro forma* tariff supplement matching YHSA’s current rates;
 - b. Provide an updated copy of the Application’s Exhibit L that includes a revised copy of York Water-WW’s estimated revenue and expense projections; and
 - c. Provide an updated copy of the Application’s Exhibit O that includes a copy of the new customer notice letter sent to YHSA’s customers.

RESPONDENT:

Matt Scarpato
VP, Operations
The York Water Company

RESPONSE:

- a. Please see **Attachment A-41-1**.
- b. Please see **Attachment A-41-2**.

- c. Please see **Attachment A-41-3**. This customer notice letter was sent to YHSA's customers on September 13, 2024.

Attachment A-41-1

THE YORK WATER COMPANY
RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE PROVISION OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND/OR
DISPOSAL SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC IN
THE BOROUGHS OF EAST PROSPECT, FELTON, JACOBUS, WEST YORK, AND
YORK HAVEN BOROUGH (C)
AND THE
TOWNSHIPS OF EAST MANCHESTER (ASBURY POINTE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION),
LOWER WINDSOR, NEWBERRY, SPRINGFIELD, SHREWSBURY, WASHINGTON, AND (C)
WEST MANHEIM
IN YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
AND THE
TOWNSHIPS OF GREENE, HAMILTON, AND LETTERKENNY
IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
AND THE
TOWNSHIP OF STRABAN IN ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
AND THE
TOWNSHIP OF WEST DONEGAL IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ISSUED: XXXXXX

EFFECTIVE: XXXXXX

By: Joseph T. Hand
President and CEO
130 East Market Street
York, Pennsylvania

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 **NOTICE**

Filed in compliance with the order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission of XXXXXXXX,
at Docket No. A-2023-3044173.

(SEE PAGE NO. 2)

LIST OF CHANGES

This tariff supplement authorizes The York Water Company – Wastewater to begin to offer or furnish wastewater service to the public in York Haven Borough and Newberry Township, York County, Pennsylvania, as previously served by York Haven Borough Authority in accordance with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Order at Docket No. A-2023-3044173, entered XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

Asbury Pointe Area, Felton Borough Area, and Letterkenny Township Area

A flat rate of \$86.90 per month per equivalent dwelling unit.

East Prospect and Lower Windsor Area, Jacobus Borough Area, and Straban Township Area

A metered rate (based on water consumption) as follows:

	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Rate</u>
East Prospect and Lower Windsor Area	1 st 4,000 Gals.	\$86.90
Over	4,000 Gals.	\$7.565 per 1,000 Gals.

West York Borough Area

Rate per Month

A flat rate per equivalent dwelling unit.

Residential	\$60.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$69.55

York Haven Borough and Newberry Township Area

Rate per Month (C)

A flat rate per equivalent dwelling unit.

Residential	\$50.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$102.67

A metered rate (based on water consumption).

Commercial	\$9.75 per 1,000 Gals.
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Customers in York Haven Borough and Newberry Township that were served by York Haven Sewer Authority shall be billed by the Company based on York Haven Sewer Authority's allocation of equivalent dwelling unit(s), regardless of any conflicts with this tariff's definition of "Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs)." All other customers in York Haven Borough and Newberry Township will be assigned equivalent dwelling unit(s) and billed based thereon consistent with this tariff's definition of "Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs)."

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Attachment A-41-2

EXHIBIT L

Estimated Annual Revenue and Expense Figures for the Proposed, Additional Customers

Projected annual revenue is based upon flat or metered rate billing for the number of customers connected.

Monthly Residential Customer Charge	\$ 50.00
	<u>X 230</u>
Monthly Residential Flat Revenue	\$ 11,500
Monthly Commercial Customer Charge	\$102.67
	<u>X 6</u>
Monthly Commercial Flat Revenue	\$ 616.02
Monthly Commercial Metered Gallons	85,633
Monthly Commercial Metered Rate	<u>X 0.00975</u>
Monthly Commercial Metered Revenue	\$ 834.92
Monthly Revenue	\$ 12,951
	<u>X 12</u>
Total Annual Revenue	\$155,412

Estimated expenses are calculated based on the Company's latest cost of service study performed with the latest rate filing effective March 1, 2023. The Company expects the expenses for the new York Haven Borough customers to mirror those of the current system.

O & M Expenses (34.1% of revenue)	\$52,996
Depreciation (18.6% of revenue)	28,907
General Taxes (2.1% of revenue)	3,264
Income Taxes (5.4% of revenue)	8,392
Total Operating Expenses	\$93,559
Operating Income	\$61,853

Attachment A-41-3



The York Water Company

September 13, 2024

Dear York Haven Borough Authority Customers and Residents:

The York Water Company ("York Water") entered into an agreement to purchase the wastewater (sewer) facilities currently owned by the Borough Authority. York Water has applied to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") for a Certificate of Public Convenience in order to serve the wastewater needs of the businesses and residents of York Haven Borough and other customers connected to the system. Following our application with and approval by the PUC, and subject to PUC approval, we anticipate that you will be billed for wastewater (sewer) service in a single monthly bill from York Water as follows:

- Residential \$50/month
- Commercial \$102.67/month
- Commercial Metered \$9.75/1,000 gallons, invoiced monthly

The above rate schedule reflects the same rates currently billed by the Borough Authority, except the Borough Authority bills you quarterly (in three-month invoices). We note that York Water's prior letter dated November 3, 2023, did not correctly reflect Borough Authority's current rates. Once York Water receives PUC approval, our goal is to work with your current Authority to achieve a smooth transition of the York Haven wastewater (sewer) customers to York Water.

York Water will acquire and continue to operate the Borough Authority's sewer treatment plant and collection system. We anticipate PUC approval and transition to York Water service may be completed in approximately 2-3 months. You will receive a follow up letter informing you of the transition date. Until that time, you will continue to be customers of the Borough Authority, and you should contact that office for any wastewater (sewer) related questions. As a current York Haven Borough Authority customer, there is nothing you need to do to initiate wastewater (sewer) service.

Wastewater Payment Options

For customers who enroll in our Timely Automatic Payment "TAP" plan, York Water can automatically deduct the amount of the wastewater bill directly from your bank account. Customers may choose to pay their wastewater bills conventionally by mail, electronically through their banking system or by accessing York Water's online payment portal on our website. York Water does not charge convenience fees for paying your wastewater bill electronically by echeck, debit or credit card.

York Water has been owned and operated in York since 1816 and now provides water and wastewater service to 53 municipalities in southcentral Pennsylvania. We look forward to providing the same superior service to our new wastewater (sewer) customers in York Haven Borough. Please read the back of this letter for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). If you have any questions about this information or need additional information about the transition of wastewater service to York Water, please do not hesitate to contact me at nicoleb@yorkwater.com or one of York Water's helpful customer service representatives at (717) 845-3601.

Nicole Bell
Customer Experience Manager

**The York Water Company
York Haven Borough Authority
September 13, 2024**

Dear York Haven Borough Authority Resident:

The York Water Company ("York Water") has entered into an agreement to purchase the wastewater (sewer) facilities currently owned by the York Haven Borough Authority. The following are commonly asked questions:

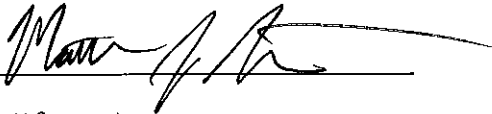
- 1. Why did the York Haven Borough Authority decide to sell the wastewater system?** Environmental regulations are making it more difficult for small wastewater systems to operate. The Borough Authority reviewed their options and determined that selling to the York Water Company is the best alternative for the long-term needs of the businesses and residents of York Haven Borough and other customers connected to the system.
- 2. When do I become a wastewater customer of York Water?** Probably not for another 2 months or so. We will send out a "Welcome Packet" when that date gets closer.
- 3. Who must stay connected to the wastewater system?** All current customers of the York Haven Borough Authority will automatically become wastewater customers of York Water.
- 4. What must I do to become a wastewater customer of York Water?** Nothing, York Water will be taking over the York Haven Borough Authority system as is. Once York Water has received the necessary approvals, we will contact you to confirm our ownership.
- 5. Are there any transfer fees?** No.
- 6. How much will my wastewater service cost?**

Residential	\$50/month
Commercial	\$102.67/month
Commercial Metered	\$9.75/1,000 gallons, invoiced monthly
- 7. Who do I call for information?** You will still be served by York Haven Borough Authority for the next 2-3 months, so if you have any questions regarding your existing wastewater service, you should contact them. If you want to talk about this transition with a York Water representative, you can contact our Customer Service Department at 717-845-3601 or toll free at 1-800-750-5561 or email us at customer.service@yorkwater.com.

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COUNTY OF YORK : SS.
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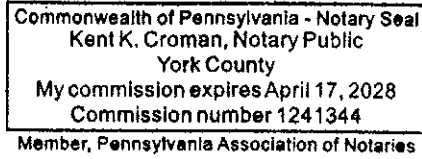
MATT SCARPATO, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states that he is the Vice President of Operations of THE YORK WATER COMPANY; that he is authorized to and does make this affidavit for it; and that the facts set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and that he expects THE YORK WATER COMPANY to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.


Matt Scarpato

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

before me this 16th day
of September 16, 2024.





Notary Public

My Commission Expires: April 17, 2028