

**BEFORE
THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and All Necessary Approvals Nunc Pro Tunc for Mainlines, Manholes & Wastewater Treatment Inc. To Provide Wastewater Services to Portions of Girard Township and Fairview Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, Approval of Affiliated Interest Agreement, And All Other Approvals as May Be Necessary or Proper, Including an Affiliated Interest Agreement :

A-2024-3050786

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

An initial telephonic prehearing conference in this case is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** To participate in the hearing, you must dial the toll-free number listed below. You will be prompted to enter a PIN number, which is also listed below. You will be asked to speak your name and then the telephone system will connect you to the hearing. If you have any witnesses you want to have present during the hearing, you must provide them with the telephone number and PIN number.

**Toll-free Bridge Number: 1-866-675-4411
PIN Number: 23464163**

1. Please review the regulations pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa. Code §5.221- §5.224, and in particular, §5.222(d) which provides, in part:

(d) Parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto.

(1) The preparation must include submission of a prehearing memorandum and list:

- (i) The presently identified issues.
- (ii) The names and addresses of the witnesses.
- (iii) The proposed area of testimony of each witness.

(2) The preparation may include:

- (i) Development of a proposed procedural schedule.
- (ii) Advance study of all relevant materials.
- (iii) Advance informal communication between the parties, including requests for additional data and information, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable.

(Emphasis added.)

2. Each party must prepare and distribute a prehearing memorandum which sets forth the history of the proceeding, the issues you intend to present, and a listing of your proposed witnesses and the subject of their testimony due in hand by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2024.**

3. Please review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code §5.331(b), which provides, *inter alia*, that “a party shall initiate discovery as early in the proceedings as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa. Code §5.322, which encourages participants to exchange information on an informal basis. I urge all parties to cooperate in discovery. Such cooperation is preferable to numerous or protracted discovery disagreements, which require the presiding officer’s participation for resolution. Please be aware that there are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§5.361, 5.371-5.372.

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