

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held October 10, 2024

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2024-3045192
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Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2024-3046520
	:	C-2024-3046521
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Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2024-3046893
	:	C-2024-3046956
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Chris & Laurie Hays	:	C-2024-3046850
Andrew Breining	:	C-2024-3047036
Mercedes Coffman	:	C-2024-3047102
Kristen Kahn	:	C-2024-3047162
Norman Lowe	:	C-2024-3047410
Hunter & Katelyn Moyer	:	C-2024-3047288
Elisa Guisto	:	C-2024-3047315
John & Linda Brown	:	C-2024-3047522
Ida Gorman	:	C-2024-3047644
Sonya Smith	:	C-2024-3048335
Sandra Matter	:	C-2024-3048393
Martha Pritchard	:	C-2024-3048394
Classic Assets, LLC	:	C-2024-3048390
Amber Anderson	:	C-2024-3048404
Eric Solberg	:	C-2024-3048476
Karl Rinke	:	C-2024-3048581

Laura Corkle-LaManna : C-2024-3048956
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 v. :
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 Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. :

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

We adopt as our action the Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge Emily I. DeVoe dated September 3, 2024;

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement of Rate Proceeding, filed on August 2, 2024, by Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc., the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania be granted, and the Settlement be adopted, consistent with the revisions set forth herein.

2. That Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. shall be directed to revise the tariffs set forth in the Settlement’s Attachments L (Water Tariff) and M (Wastewater Tariff) to include the following additional corrections:

a. For the Water Tariff, Pg. 4 – State Tax Adjustment Surcharge (STAS), both instances of “January 1, 2024” should be replaced with “the Effective Date shown on the bottom of this page.”

b. For the Water Tariff, Pg. 6C - Schedule of Rates, Customer Service Charges, the monthly service charge for 10” should be “\$1,736.17” rather than “\$377.40”, per the rate schedule provided in the Settlement’s Attachment A.

c. For the Water Tariff, Pg. 14 – “8. Hydrant Flow Test”, should be replaced with “9. Hydrant Flow Test”, and the duplicate “8. Hydrant Flow Test” section at the bottom of the page should be deleted.

d. For the Wastewater Tariff, Pg. 4 – State Tax Adjustment Surcharge, replace “January 1, 2024” with “the Effective Date shown on the bottom of this page.”

3. That Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. shall be permitted to file water and wastewater tariff supplements in the form set forth in Attachments L and M to the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement of Rate Proceeding, as corrected by Ordering Paragraph 2, to become effective upon at least one day's notice after entry of the Commission’s final order in this matter but no sooner than November 1, 2024, to produce \$10.9 million in additional annual water operating revenues and \$420,000 in additional annual wastewater operating revenues. In the event that compliance filings are approved after the statutory suspension period (November 16, 2024), the Company shall recoup revenues lost for the period from the end of the statutory suspension period through the date the Commission makes approved rates effective.

4. That the compliance tariff filed by Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 3, incorporate the customer assistance program (CAP) discounted rates, terms, and conditions, including the rates specified in the Settlement’s Paragraph 51, and related Settlement terms and conditions, such that CAP discounts can take effect in accordance with the Commission-approved tariff within 180 days of the effective date of rates in this case, per the Settlement’s Paragraph 60.

5. That consistent with 52 Pa. Code § 5.592(a), Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. be directed to file, within 20 days of the entry of the final order in these proceedings, proofs of revenues and supporting calculations for water and wastewater services, detailing Veolia

Water Pennsylvania, Inc.'s authorized operating revenues under present and Settlement rates, broken down by base rate revenues, DSIC revenues, and other revenues.

6. That Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania be directed to comply with the terms of the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement of Rate Proceeding, as though each term and condition stated therein had been the subject of an individual ordering paragraph.

7. That the Formal Complaints of Chris & Laurie Hays, C-2024-3046850; Andrew Breining, C-2024-3047036, C-2024-3047036, C-2024-3047102, Kristen Kahn, C-2024-3047162, Norman Lowe, C-2024-3047410, Hunter & Katelyn Moyer, C-2024-3047288, Elisa Guisto, C-2024-3047315, C-2024-3047522, Ida Gorman, C-2024-3047644, Sonya Smith, C-2024-3048335, Sandra Matter, C-2024-3048393, Martha Pritchard, C-2024-3048394, Classic Assets, LLC, C-2024-3048390, Amber Anderson, C-2024-3048404, Eric Solberg, C-2024-3048476, Karl Rinke, C-2024-3048581, and Laura Corkle-LaManna, C-2024-3048956, be dismissed and marked as closed.

8. That the Complaints of the Office of Consumer Advocate at Docket Nos. C-2024-3046520 and C-2024-3046521 be deemed satisfied and marked closed.

9. That the Complaints of the Office of Small Business Advocate at Docket Nos. C-2024-3046893 and C-2024-2046956 be deemed satisfied and marked closed.

10. That upon Commission acceptance or approval of the tariff supplements and allocation of proposed Settlement rate increase filed by Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. in

compliance with the Commission's final order in this matter, the Commission's Investigation at Docket Nos. R-2024-3045192 and R-2024-3045193 be terminated and marked closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: October 10, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: October 10, 2024