

**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 Waterford 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
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FIRST INTERIM ORDER
Granting Motion for Stay

On August 16, 2024, Mainlines, Manholes & Wastewater Treatment Inc. (MMWT or Applicant) filed an Application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience to provide wastewater services to portions of Girard Township and Fairview Township, in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in addition to approval of affiliated interest agreements.

On August 28, 2024, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) entered its appearance in the above-captioned proceeding.

On August 28, 2024, MMWT filed an amended application updating the service area from Fairview Township to Waterford Township and advising the Commission that MMWT no longer sought to serve Fairview Township (Amended Application).

On September 10, 2024, OSBA filed a protest to the Amended Application.

On September 13, 2024, the Commission's Bureau of Technical Utility Services (TUS) served data requests upon MMWT.

On September 20, 2024, the Commission issued a Call-in Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice scheduling a prehearing conference for October 22, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale (ALJ Dunderdale).

On October 3, 2024, MMWT served partial responses to TUS' Data Requests.

On October 7, 2024, ALJ Dunderdale issued a Prehearing Conference Order requiring the parties to submit prehearing conference memoranda by October 21, 2024.

On October 15, 2024, counsel for MMWT filed a Motion for Stay, noting the parties have engaged in discussions. MMWT also noted TUS had issued requests for additional information from Applicant, which Applicant was handling. Applicant requests additional time of ninety (90) days for the parties to continue settlement discussions. The stay request indicated OSBA had been contacted and there was no objection to the request.

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §1.15, extensions of time may be granted by the presiding officer for good cause shown. A stay request asking for a delay of ninety days - in order to respond to TUS' request for additional information and for the parties to engage in settlement discussions - is a reasonable request and time frame. A review of this request leads to the conclusion the parties may be able to resolve all or a portion of the concerns arising from the Amended Application.

In addition, it appears OSBA as a protestant does not object to the continuance. MMWT justified a need for a stay, the request is reasonable, and the request shows sufficient cause exists, under the circumstances. Accordingly, MMWT's Motion for a Stay will be granted.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing scheduled for October 22, 2024, shall be cancelled.
2. That Mainlines, Manholes & Wastewater Treatment Inc. shall serve on the presiding officer and OSBA a written status report every thirty (30) days on behalf of the parties.

Date: October 21, 2024

Katrina L. Dunderdale
Administrative Law Judge

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