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The Honorable Arlene Ashton
Administrative Law Judge
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Office of Administrative Law Judge
801 Market Street, 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Petition Of Pennsylvania- American Water Company for Approval of a Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Related Tariff Changes, and Modification of Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan

Docket No. P-2024-3050263

Dear Judge Ashton:

Pursuant to the Prehearing Order #2 issued on October 17, 2024, please find attached the First Status Report of the active parties in the above-referenced proceeding, which is being submitted by Pennsylvania-American Water Company on its behalf, as well as on behalf of the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate and the Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate (collectively, the "Parties").

Copies are being provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Erin K. Fure

Attachment

cc: Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
w/Attachment **VIA** e-Filing
Denell Lewis, Paralegal, w/Attachment **VIA** Email
Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

PETITION OF PENNSYLVANIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, RELATED TARIFF CHANGES, AND MODIFICATION OF LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN :
: DOCKET NO.: P-2024-3050263
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**FIRST STATUS REPORT OF
PENNSYLVANIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER
ADVOCATE, AND THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

AND NOW COMES Pennsylvania-American Water Company (“PAWC” or the “Company”), in compliance with the Prehearing Order #2 issued by Honorable Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Arlene Ashton on October 17, 2024, to file this First Status Report in the above-referenced matters. The Company has been authorized to present this First Status Report on its behalf as well as on behalf of the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) and the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

I. INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 22, 2024 PAWC filed a Petition for Approval of a Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Related Tariff Changes, and Modification of a Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan (“Petition”).

On August 6, 2024, Steven C. Gray, Esquire on behalf of the OSBA filed a Notice of Appearance, Notice of Intervention, Public Statement and Verification in this proceeding.

On August 21, 2024, Harrison W. Breitman, Esquire and Melanie J. El Atieh, Esquire on behalf of the OCA filed a Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in this proceeding.

On August 23, 2024, the Bureau of Technical Utility Services (“TUS”) issued Data Request Set 1 to the Company. On September 4, 2024, PAWC filed a letter requesting an extension to respond to TUS Data Set I. By Secretarial Letter dated September 6, 2024, the Company was granted an extension to respond to TUS Data Set 1. On September 13, 2024, the Company provided responses to TUS Data Request Set 1.

On September 25, 2024, the OCA filed an Amended Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in which it requested that the matter be transferred to the Office of Administrative Law Judge.

On October 3, 2024, a Call-In Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued scheduling a prehearing conference for October 15, 2024 at 1 p.m. before ALJ Ashton.

On October 3, 2024, ALJ Ashton issued a Prehearing Conference Order.

On October 15, 2024, the Prehearing Conference was held, at which time ALJ Ashton approved the request of PAWC, OCA, and OSBA to delay the establishment of a litigation schedule to allow them to pursue settlement discussions and negotiations.

On October 17, 2024, ALJ Ashton issued Prehearing Order #2 which, *inter alia*, directed the Parties to deliver a status report on the progress of their settlement discussions on November 18, 2024.

II. STATUS

Following the Prehearing Conference, the Parties met to discuss and narrow the issues that are in controversy. The Parties have exchanged a term sheet and are continuing to meet in order negotiate resolutions on the outstanding issues.

III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Pennsylvania-American Water Company, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Small Business advocate respectfully request that Administrative Law Judge Arlene Ashton accept this First Status Report as the Parties continue to engage in settlement discussions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition of Pennsylvania-American :
Water Company for Approval of a Lead :
Service Line Replacement Program, : Docket No. P-2024-3050263
Related Tariff Changes, and :
Modification of Long-Term :
Infrastructure Improvement Plan :

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the active parties' First Status Report, upon the persons and in the manner indicated below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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