

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held December 5, 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

v.

Audubon Water Company

Docket Nos.
R-2024-3051816
C-2024-3051996

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 25, 2024, Audubon Water Company (Audubon), Utility Code 210060, filed Supplement No. 7 to Tariff Water – Pa. PUC No. 4 (Supplement No. 7) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) to become effective December 26, 2024. Supplement No. 7 would increase Audubon’s total annual operating revenues for water service by approximately \$999,975, or 33.8%.

On November 6, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a formal complaint at Docket No. C-2024-3051996. Pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d) (relating to general rate increases), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until July 26, 2025, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff supplement and the supporting data indicates that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to public interest. It also appears that consideration

should be given to the reasonableness of Audubon's existing rates, rules, and regulations;
THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in Audubon Water Company's proposed Supplement No. 7 to Tariff Water – Pa. PUC No. 4.

2. That Audubon Water Company's proposed Supplement No. 7 to Tariff Water – Pa. PUC No. 4 is suspended by operation of law until July 26, 2025, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That within ten (10) days following the entry date of this Order, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.71, Audubon Water Company shall e-file (or file) a tariff supplement, which shall bear no effective date, with the Commission and post the tariff supplement at the offices of Audubon Water Company announcing that the aforementioned tariff supplement is suspended until July 26, 2025. A sample copy of a suspension supplement is provided in Attachment A of this Order.

4. That the investigation instituted in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of this Order shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the existing rates, rules, and regulations of Audubon Water Company.

5. That this case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for Alternative Dispute Resolution, if possible, and for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a recommended decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Audubon Water Company, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed formal complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: December 5, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: December 5, 2024

ATTACHMENT A
Sample Suspension Supplement

Supp. No. _____ to
_____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____.

(COMPANY NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____, is hereby suspended until _____, at Docket No. _____. Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended. Issued in compliance with Title 66 Pa. C.S. § 1308.