

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement
vs.
Pocono Waterworks Company, Inc.

Public Meeting of May 8, 2025
3042412-OSA
Docket No. M-2025-3042412

STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIR KIMBERLY BARROW

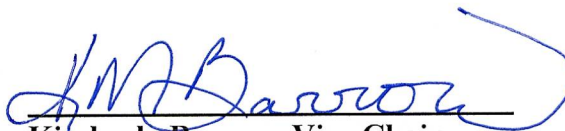
Before us for disposition is a Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement Agreement (Settlement) and a Statement in Support of the Settlement filed by the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BI&E) and Pocono Waterworks Company, Inc. (Pocono) on January 22, 2025. The Settlement emanated from an investigation instituted by BI&E due to Pocono's failure to test its meters in compliance with 52 Pa. Code § 65.8(b) and failure to maintain records of water meter tests in compliance with 52 Pa. Code § 65.8(c).

Pocono is a small water company that provides water service to 301 customers in several townships in Wayne and Lackawanna counties.¹ During the investigation, Pocono requested assistance from the Commission on testing meters and/or a list of third-party laboratories that could perform the required tests.

As part of the Settlement, Pocono has agreed to, *inter alia*, test and replace 15 percent (or approximately 45 meters) per year for the next seven years and either set up its own standardizing laboratory to test its meters or petition the Commission for approval of a third-party standardizing laboratory to test its meters, as well as the cost to the utility to undertake the testing and replacement of its meters. In the Settlement, BI&E, refrained from imposing a monetary civil penalty, considering, *inter alia*, the extensive remedial measures undertaken by the company, the size of the company, and the limited staff available to the company.²

I would like to use this opportunity to encourage the company to take advantage of any available Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)³ funds to assist in the timely and adequate execution of the commitments it made in the Settlement.

May 8, 2025


Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair

¹ Pocono last filed its annual report in 2016. Hence, the 301 customers is from the company's last annual report in 2016.

² Settlement at ¶ 37.

³ PENNVEST is a financing authority that provides low-cost financial assistance to address water, wastewater, stormwater, and non-point source pollution problems that impact public health, safety, the environment, regulatory compliance, and economic development. See, [Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority - PENNVEST | Infrastructure Investment Authority | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#).