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## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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June 26, 2025

Matthew Homsher, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Keystone Building, 400 North Street  
2nd Floor, North Wing  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

L-2020-3017232

Re: Regulation #57-337 (IRRC #3349)  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Application of 52 Pa. Code Section 3.501 to Certificated Water and Wastewater Utility Acquisitions,  
Mergers, and Transfers

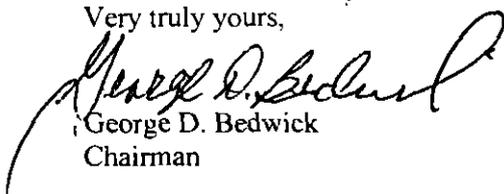
Dear Secretary Homsher:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us).

Pursuant to Section 7(d) of the Regulatory Review Act, the standing committees have 14 days to review this regulation and report to the state House of Representatives and Senate a concurrent resolution. If this 14-day period expires and neither committee reports a concurrent resolution, the committees will be deemed to have approved the report. Accordingly, the Public Utility Commission may proceed with promulgation of this regulation. 71 P.S. § 745.7(d); 1 Pa. Code § 311.5.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Very truly yours,

  
George D. Bedwick  
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Patrick J. Stefano, Chair, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Committee  
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chair, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Committee  
Honorable Danilo Burgos, Chair, House Consumer Protection, Technology, and Utilities Committee  
Honorable Carl Walker Metzgar, Republican Chair, House Consumer Protection, Technology, and  
Utilities Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 26, 2025

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Regulation No. 57-337 (#3349)  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Application of 52 Pa. Code Section 3.501 to  
Certificated Water and Wastewater Utility  
Acquisitions, Mergers, and Transfers

On July 25, 2022, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking deletes 52 Pa. Code §§ 3.501 and 3.502, adds §§ 3.511 – 3.516 and 66.2, and amends § 65.16. The proposed regulation was published in the August 13, 2022 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on November 10, 2022. At its March 20, 2025 public meeting, the Commission voted to disapprove the final-form regulation. On May 29, 2025, the PUC submitted the revised final-form regulation to the Commission.

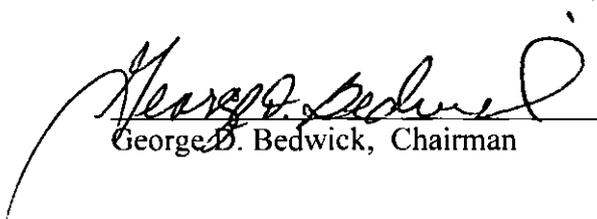
This final-form regulation revises the certificate of public convenience process utilized by water and wastewater providers seeking PUC authority to: become a water or wastewater public utility; extend water distribution or wastewater collection mains beyond a certificated service territory; or acquire existing water or wastewater systems.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 Pa.C.S. §§ 1101, 1102, and 1103) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

This regulation is approved.



  
George D. Bedwick, Chairman